

Children's Ministry

3rd & 4th Grade

Leviticus 5:1-6:7

February 1st, 2009

Lesson Plan:

Main Point: Every kind of person sins

Basic Idea: It doesn't matter who you are, or what your position, you sin.

How we get there: God gives instruction for priests, the congregation, leaders and "average joe's" on offering sacrifices for sin.

At a glance:

Have the children look over Leviticus 5:1-6:7 with you. (You can either have them do this together as a group, in smaller groups, or even read the text to them). Have them answer the following:

1. Is a person guilty of sin even if it wasn't on purpose?
2. What must a person do if they sin against the Lord's holy things?
3. How much must they give back if they steal from someone?

Digging Deeper: Luke 19:1-10

1. Why were people surprised Jesus would meet with Zaccheus?
2. How much did Zaccheus offer to pay back to those he stole from?
3. How is this different than what Leviticus required?
4. What does this reveal about Zaccheus' heart? Who made this change in him?

Explaining it:

Zaccheus' biggest problem wasn't his size, it was his sin. When Jesus comes and meets with him, Zaccheus sees the severity of his sin and repents. His response shows that he loves Jesus more than his things. Jesus calls Zaccheus a "true son of Abraham." This means that Zaccheus has the same faith that Abraham had (Romans 4:19). Jesus can see from Zaccheus attitude change that he truly loves Jesus and is turning to Him for forgiveness. Because Jesus has gone so far to take away Zaccheus' debt and make him right before God, Zaccheus wants to make all of his relationships right as well.

Zaccheus is not saved by offering the money back, nor does that earn him forgiveness. Instead, Zaccheus is saved by his repentance and faith, which are shown by his willingness to give up all his possessions to make things right with others.

Applying it:

1. Why should we want to make things right with others?
2. How can we make things right when we sin against someone?

Use the animal crackers to help illustrate the exchange necessary in Leviticus and Zaccheus' response (see 1st-2nd grade lesson plan). Then enjoy the rest as a snack with the children!

"Nailing It" **Luke 11:13**—"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will {your} heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?" Because they sin, Jesus actually called our dad's evil. However, we know our dad's love us and look out for us. Then how much more can we count on the fact that a perfect God will love us perfectly and care for us. He will give us salvation if we ask!



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