

# Children's Ministry

3rd & 4th Grade

Leviticus 2:1-3:17

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## Lesson Plan:

Main Point: Cheerful Givers

Basic Idea: God loves when we give with joy.

How we get there: All of the elements in the grain and fellowship offerings reflect the glory of Jesus. It is our joy to participate!

### At a glance:

Have the children look over Leviticus 2 & 3 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. What is God's attitude toward the grain offering? (2:2)
2. What animals could be used for the peace offering?
3. What was the Lord's attitude toward the fellowship offering? (3:16)

### Digging Deeper: 2 Corinthians 9:7

1. Does God want you to give because you feel like you have to?
2. What does it mean to "purpose in your heart?"
3. Why does God want you to give?
4. How should you feel when you give?

### Explaining it:

The grain offerings and fellowship offerings are really quite interesting. God gives us all kinds of pictures through these sacrifices. The oil in the grain offering is representative of the Holy Spirit's anointing. Frankincense points us forward to Jesus, who received it from the Magi. Unleavened bread speaks to the sinlessness of Christ. The salt speaks to the influence we should have through the gospel. And the fat, which seems kind of gross to us, actually was a word meaning the "best" of the offering.

These sacrifices were worship of God because they pointed to so many glorious things about Jesus. These offerings were given to God from celebration and a heart that was so thankful to God for what He has done for us. The offerings were not just about the gifts we give, but also about the attitude with which we offer.

Paul reminds the people of Corinth of this. God is most pleased, not by just a gift, but by a gift we give with a cheerful heart. Our attitude should not be that we have to give, but that it is a joy that we get to give.

Applying it: 1. Is there anything I would not be willing to give to God?  
2. Do I respond to God with a cheerful heart?

## "Nailing It"

**John 3:16**—*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.* Though God gave us the very costly gift of His Son, He didn't do it with a bad attitude, but did it out of love He has for you and me! God was pleased to offer His Son for our salvation (Isaiah 53).



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