

# Children's Ministry

4 years - Kindergarten

Leviticus 16:1-17:16

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## Lesson Plan:

Main Point: "Expiation and Propitiation" (words basically defined below)

Basic Idea: Jesus takes away our sin and the punishment for our sin.

How we get there: The "scapegoat" represents Jesus bearing our sin, the other goat represents Jesus taking the punishment for our sins.

### Examine Isaiah 53:5-6

1. Why was Jesus pierced?
2. How do we receive healing?
3. How are we like sheep?
4. Who put our iniquity upon Jesus?

Today's lesson is actually teaching two concepts: Expiation and Propitiation

**Expiation:** When Jesus was on the cross, the Bible says God placed our sins upon Jesus. Sins have to be paid for by death. We can be viewed as sinless because Jesus actually took our sins away. God placed our sins upon Jesus on the cross. "*He made Him who had no sin be sin on our behalf...*" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

**Illustration A:** To help the kids see this point, give each child a red "chip." Tell them the chip represents sin. To help express expiation, take the chip out of each child's hand. Tell them that this is part of what Jesus did for us on the cross. He took our sins away from us.

**Propitiation:** God must punish sin. If He doesn't punish sin then He doesn't truly love good. Our sin deserves the punishment of death. But because God loves us, Jesus took the penalty for our sins. On the cross, God poured out all of His anger against sin onto Jesus Christ. That way, our sins were punished, but we didn't have to face the punishment.

**Illustration B:** To help express propitiation, remind the children of the red chips. Ask them what the red chips represent. Ask them what God must do to sin. Now remind them who is holding the red chips (you should be). Since God must punish sin, and God put our sins on Jesus, then Jesus also took the punishment for our sins.

### Ask the kids:

How should we feel about God if He took our sins--and the punishment for our sins--away?

## "Nailing It"

**John 3:36**—*He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.* Take time to explain to the children that Jesus' death on the cross does not mean all people's sins are removed and paid for. It is only for those who trust in Jesus that have their sins paid for and taken away on the cross. We must come to Jesus in faith!



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