

Children's Ministry

4 years - Kindergarten

Leviticus 1:1-17

January 11th, 2009

Lesson Plan:

Main Point: Sacrifice costs

Basic Idea: To be considered a sacrifice, it most cost the giver something.

How we get there: The three sacrifices in Leviticus 1 have a differing cost. But no matter how much wealth the giver has, the sacrifice is expected to cost them.

Examine Mark 12:41-44

Read the story in full for the children (Then explain it through the "Illustration"). Then ask the children the following questions:

1. How much money were the rich people putting in?
2. How much money did the widow put in?
3. Which was Jesus most impressed with?
4. Did the widow have a lot of money to give?

Explain to the children that Jesus was most pleased with the widow because she gave from all that she had. While the rich people gave a lot of money, it didn't really cost them anything, because they had a lot of money. But the widow, who really didn't have much, went ahead and gave. This shows she loved God more than her things and was Trusting Him to provide.

Illustration: Widows and Pharisees

Help the kids understand this story by "acting it out." Put the kids in pairs, and give one in the pair a lot of "coins" (supplied) while giving the other only a few. Have the one with a bunch of coins only give a few (but more than the one with few has) and then have the one with few give all they have. Have the other kids share which gift Jesus would be most pleased with. Use varying amounts for the pairs to help the kids get the idea. Jesus was most interested with the one who gave all.

We give out of the little we have, not to buy our salvation (we can't). But we give to act like Jesus, who though He had everything paid the greatest price for our salvation!

Ask them:

What is a way they could give to God to show they are thankful for all He gave them?

"Nailing It" 2 Corinthians 8:9—*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.* Jesus had everything, and yet He was willing to sacrifice everything to give to us who had nothing. Now, when we give, it does not earn salvation, but is simply being like Jesus. Showing we are willing to give from our poverty because He gave from His riches!



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