

# PARENT TAKE-HOME SHEET

Reach Community Church — Children's Ministry

## BIG IDEA

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### SECTION 1 THIS WEEK'S LESSON AT A GLANCE

<b>Lesson Title</b>	God Is Holy: Drawing Near to God
<b>Bible Passage</b>	Leviticus (overview) — Leviticus 1:1 to 4; 11:44 to 45; 16:1 to 2; 19:2
<b>Big Idea</b>	God is perfectly holy, and He made a way for us to come close to Him.
<b>What Your Child Should Remember</b>	God is perfectly good and without any sin. He is not far away from us. He has always been making a way for His people to draw near to Him, and that way is Jesus.

### SECTION 2 MEMORY VERSE

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#### Leviticus 19:2

*Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.*

<b>What This Means for Children</b>	God is calling His people to be different from the world around them. Not because being different will earn His love, but because they already belong to Him. Holy means set apart, completely good, without any sin. God is all of those things. And He is asking His children to live in a way that reflects who He is.
<b>How to Practice at Home</b>	Break it into three phrases: "Be holy" / "because I, the LORD your God" / "am holy." Say one phrase at breakfast, one at dinner, and one at bedtime. By the end of the week your child will have it.
<b>Ask Your Child</b>	What does it mean that God is holy? Suggested Answer: He is completely set apart and perfectly good. He has never sinned and never will.

**Parent Tip**

This verse is not telling your child to be perfect so God will love them. It is saying: you already belong to God, now live like it. That is a very different message. One leads to striving. The other leads to gratitude.

**SECTION 3 TODAY YOUR CHILD LEARNED...**

Last week your child learned that Israel finished building the Tabernacle, a special tent where God would live right in the middle of their camp. God's glory filled it completely. This week the class picked up right where that left off.

The book of Leviticus begins with God speaking from inside the Tabernacle. He gives His people detailed instructions for coming near to Him: different kinds of offerings and sacrifices, guidelines for holy living, and the most important day of the Israelite year, the Day of Atonement. On that day, the High Priest would enter the innermost room of the Tabernacle and offer a sacrifice for the sins of all the people. A second goat, called the scapegoat, would have the people's sins symbolically placed on it and then be sent far away into the wilderness.

Your child also learned that God called Israel to be holy, meaning set apart and different, because He is holy. Not to earn His love, but to reflect it. And they learned that every sacrifice, every priest, and every Day of Atonement in Leviticus was pointing forward to Jesus, the final and perfect sacrifice who opened the way to God once and for all.

**SECTION 4 WHY THIS LESSON MATTERS**

Children cannot fully understand why Jesus had to come until they understand that God is holy and people are not. Leviticus is one of the most important books in the Bible for building that foundation. It shows that the gap between a holy God and sinful people is real, that someone must deal with sin, and that God has always been the one making the way.

When your child understands Leviticus, the cross makes more sense. When they see the scapegoat carrying Israel's guilt into the desert, they begin to grasp what Jesus did. When they see the curtain of the Temple torn on the day Jesus died, they understand that the barrier between God and people is gone.

**A Simple Way to Explain It to Your Child**

"God is perfectly holy, which means He is completely good and without any sin. We are not perfectly holy. So God made a way for us to come near to Him anyway. That way is Jesus. He took all our sin on Himself so that the door to God could be wide open for us."

**SECTION 5 HELPING YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND THE DAY OF ATONEMENT**

The Day of Atonement is one of the most powerful moments in the Old Testament. Atonement means making things right when something has gone wrong. It was the one day each year when the High Priest could enter the Most Holy Place of the Tabernacle, the innermost room where God's presence dwelled, and offer a sacrifice for all the sins of the nation.

The scapegoat is the image your child will likely remember most. The High Priest placed both hands on the head of the goat and confessed all of Israel's sins over it. The goat was then led away into the wilderness, carrying the sins with it. It was a vivid, unforgettable picture of guilt being removed.

**What to Emphasize**

God provided the Day of Atonement. Israel did not invent it. This was God's grace, His way of making it possible for sinful people to keep living close to a holy God. Jesus fulfilled everything this day pointed toward when He died on the cross and rose again.

**What to Avoid**

Do not suggest that God was angry and needed to be satisfied by the death of animals. Teach instead that God was gracious, already planning the rescue, and giving Israel a picture of what the final rescue would look like.

**SECTION 6 DEFENDING THE TRUTH AT HOME**

<b>A Question Children Often Ask</b>	"Why did God need animals to be killed? That sounds harsh."
<b>A Simple Biblical Answer</b>	Sin has a real cost. The Bible says that without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness (Hebrews 9:22). God was teaching His people that sin is serious and requires a real payment. The animals were a picture pointing forward to the one final payment that Jesus would make.
<b>Scripture to Read Together</b>	Hebrews 9:12 — He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but He entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.
<b>A Parent-Friendly Explanation</b>	The animal sacrifices were not the permanent answer. They were the preview. Every year Israel returned to offer sacrifices because the problem of sin was not permanently solved yet. Jesus solved it permanently. His one sacrifice was enough for everyone, forever. That is why we do not offer sacrifices today.
<b>How to Say It Kindly</b>	"That is a fair question. God was showing His people how serious sin is and that it has a real cost. He was also giving them a picture of what Jesus would do one day. Jesus was the final, perfect sacrifice, so no one ever has to repeat it."

**SECTION 7 TALK ABOUT IT AT HOME**

Use one or two of these questions during dinner, bedtime, or in the car. You do not have to ask all of them at once.

**What does it mean that God is holy?**

Suggested Answer: It means He is completely set apart, perfectly good, and without any sin at all. He is not just a stronger version of a person. He is in a completely different category from everything else that exists.

**What was the scapegoat, and what did it do?**

Suggested Answer: The scapegoat was one of two goats on the Day of Atonement. The High Priest would confess all of Israel's sins over it and then send it into the wilderness. It was a picture of sin being carried away and removed from the people.

**Say the memory verse with me. What does "Be holy" mean for us today?**

Suggested Answer: It means live in a way that shows you belong to God. Not to earn His love, but because you already have it. Be different from the world around you because of who your God is.

**How does Leviticus point to Jesus?**

Suggested Answer: Every sacrifice pointed to His final sacrifice. The scapegoat pointed to Him carrying our sin away. The High Priest pointed to Him as our perfect mediator. When Jesus died on the cross, the curtain of the Temple tore in half, showing that the way to God was completely open.

**Because of Jesus, can we talk to God directly?**

Suggested Answer: Yes. We do not need a priest to go between us and God anymore. Jesus opened the way. We can pray to God anytime, anywhere, because of what Jesus did.

**What is one way you want to live differently this week because of what you learned today?**

Suggested Answer: Accept honest personal answers. Encourage without pressuring. This is a heart question, not a performance question.

**SECTION 8 TRY THIS AS A FAMILY****THE OPEN DOOR PRAYER**

Each day this week, when your family prays together, begin with this one sentence before anything else:

**SAY THIS TOGETHER**

*"God, thank You that the door to You is open because of Jesus. We can come to You right now, just as we are."*

This simple habit teaches children something Leviticus was pointing toward all along: the way to God has been made. We do not earn it. We walk through it. Do this at breakfast, at bedtime, or whenever your family gathers. By the end of the week your child will be saying it from memory.

**SECTION 9 WHEN YOUR CHILD FEELS GUILTY THIS WEEK**

Children often carry guilt without knowing where to put it. They did something wrong. They said something unkind. They lied. And now they feel the weight of it. Leviticus is the perfect passage for this moment because it shows children that guilt is real, God takes it seriously, and He made a way to remove it completely.

**What You Can Say**

"What you did was wrong, and I am glad you know that. That feeling of guilt is actually your heart telling you something true. But here is the good news. Jesus is our scapegoat. He carried every sin away when He died on the cross. If you tell God you are sorry and ask for His forgiveness, He gives it. Every single time. Your guilt does not have to stay."

Then you might pray together, right in that moment. Let your child hear you pray on their behalf. That is one of the most powerful things a parent can do.

**SECTION 10 PRAYER TO PRAY TOGETHER**

*Father, You are holy. Perfectly holy. And we are so grateful that Your holiness did not keep You away from us. Thank You for making a way through Jesus. Thank You that because of Him, we can come to You anytime, anywhere, as we are. Help us this week to live in a way that shows the world who we belong to. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen.*

**SECTION 11 A FINAL THOUGHT FOR PARENTS**

Leviticus is not an easy book. It is ancient, detailed, and sometimes feels very far from the world your family lives in. But it is one of the most important books in the Bible for understanding why Jesus came. You do not have to master all of it to be a faithful parent. You just have to point your child toward the main thing.

The main thing is this: God is holy and we are not. But He made a way. That way has a name, and His name is Jesus. If your child walks away from this week knowing that one truth more deeply than they did before, you have done something that will last.

**Small, faithful conversations matter more than perfect ones. Keep going.**