

## Lesson Focus

Malachi delivered the Lord's rebuke to the priests in Israel because they were offering imperfect animals to the Lord. Malachi was also given a message of hope, pointing forward to the coming Messiah and the messenger who would prepare the way for him.

## Key Passages

**Grades 2–3:** Malachi 1:6–8, 2:7–8, 3:1, 4:5; Psalm 51:17; Luke 1:13, 1:16–17

Grades 4-5: Malachi 1:6-8, 2:7-9, 3:1, 4:5; Psalm 51:17; Luke 1:13-17

## What You Heard in the Word

- ▶ The priests and people were worshipping God with bad attitudes and imperfect sacrifices. But God desires us to worship him with honor, respect, and humility.
- Malachi delivered a message of hope when he said that a messenger would come to prepare the way for the Messiah. This messenger was John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus.

