



Dear Champion Fellowship parents,

We are so thankful for your participation in the Champion Fellowship family. We want you to know how much we enjoy your children and the opportunity to partner with you to train them in the way of the LORD. One of our goals this year is to strengthen our partnership with you in this task. We have recognized that the most effective way for a child to learn the Bible and how to live by it is to learn it at home from parents – and we believe the LORD designed it this way. So, to help you do this with your children, we intend to provide you with valuable resources each week that will help you reinforce what your child is learning at church.

Every Sunday following services, we will send you the basic teaching outline from the morning's lesson along with several questions and answers that you can practice with your kids to help them learn and retain the story of the Bible. We will also attach our Teacher Tips video that our classroom teachers watch to prepare for the lesson. This will help you to better understand the content so you can feel more confident discussing it with your children.

We hope that this is a blessing to you as we steadily take steps from partnership toward ownership in our family ministry. Our dream is to see parents as the primary disciple-makers in their kids' lives and this is a big step in that direction. Please don't hesitate to provide any feedback on how we might better prepare you to do this important job.

In Christ,
Alex Wolfe
Family Pastor



The Law reveals God's character

Lesson Summary

Over the last few weeks, we watched as the LORD is raising up Israel to become the great nation the LORD promised they would be. God purposed for Israel to be a kingdom of representatives, yet, instead of representing the LORD to the nations, the people rebel against the LORD and make for themselves an idol to worship just like the other nations. Because of Israel's rebellion, the nation whom God created to be priests between God and the wicked nations will have to have priests between them and God because Israel acted wickedly. Therefore the people cannot come near the LORD as Moses did. Rather, priests are appointed for Israel to offer sacrifices for the sinful people at the tabernacle. Leviticus reveals to Israel how they are to carry out the tabernacle service. Because they do not measure up to God's character revealed in the law, they need sacrifices to pay for their sin.

Story of the Bible Chart

We are still in the "looking for the Messiah" part of the chart and the expectation of the Messiah is becoming clearer as the story is on the move. Today we get to take a closer look at sacrifices as payment for sin. However, blood of bulls and goats cannot take away sin, it can only cover it, so we must wait for the Messiah to come to make the payment of His blood as the ultimate sacrifice to take away the sin completely.

Story of the Bible Chart picture of the day:



THIS WEEK

LAST WEEK

NEXT WEEK



**The Tabernacle and
Israel's rebellion**
Exodus 32-40

**A Sinful People
Approaching a Holy God**
Leviticus Summary

Blessings and Curses
Leviticus 26-27



LESSON INTRO

Since the first time in the Garden that people chose to do what was good and right in their own eyes instead of God's eyes every person has been guilty of sin (missing the mark of God's perfect character) - even those on God's Team.

The difference between those on God's team and those on the serpent's team is that those on God's Team were trusting God to bring the One True Image-Bearer to remove the curses and be the ultimate sacrifice for sin that would take away sin and not just cover it.

The ones on God's team - God's special nation, Israel, were to operate according to God's Law/Word, which revealed God's character, and by God's sacrificial system which God provided for them when they were not able to keep God's Law.

The sacrifice provides for the sinner when they fail to operate according to God's Word.



Lesson Outline

The Law reveals God's character

AGES 3–5 LESSON OUTLINE



****See outline below**

AGES 6–11 LESSON OUTLINE



The Law did 3 things for Israel:

1. **The Law showed the people God's perfect character.**
 - a. Care for others at one's own expense for the benefit of the other.
 - b. Care for those who cannot repay in return.
2. **The Law showed the people how they did not have this perfect character.**
 - a. They did not do the things they were told to do to look out for their brothers.
 - b. They did not do the things they were told to do to take care of those who could not repay.
3. **Because the LORD is gracious and merciful, the Law gave a way to be made right with God when they did not do what was good and right in God's eyes**
 - a. Missing the mark of God's perfect character is called sin.
 - b. When the people sinned, an animal was killed (sacrificed) and the blood of the animal covered the sin. The animal's life became a substitute for the life of the person who sinned just like the animal that gave its life to cover Adam and Eve after they sinned in the Garden.

FLASHBACK

The sacrifice in the Law is not new, it simply adds what those on God's team have always done into a formal covenant. Remember, God provided the first animal sacrifice for Adam and Eve, which looked forward to the true Image-Bearer dying on their behalf. This is why Abel raised sheep and sacrificed a lamb - He was looking for the true Image-Bearer. Then God's team continually sacrificed on altars (remember Noah after he left the ark?). God even provided a substitute ram in place of Isaac when God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son, but Isaac wasn't the true Image-Bearer, so the story looked on. Now, what those men did by faith without the Law, Israel is being asked to repeat in the Law until the true Image-Bearer comes.

****As the people lived under God's Law, missed the mark, and made sacrifices for their sins with the life and blood of animals their sins were covered but never taken away. Breaking God's law over and over, year after year, and sacrificing animals over and over made the people long for the One coming, the Messiah, who would perfectly keep the Law because He has God's perfect character and who would be the perfect sacrifice that does not cover sin but takes it away. The Promised One would do this by living a perfect life and by dying a death he did not deserve to pay the penalty for the death every other person does deserve.**

The Law pointed toward the coming Promised One.



Lesson Questions

Use these questions to teach or to review this week's lesson.

All Ages Lesson Questions

In the Story, which nation is on God's Team? Only Israel

- 1. What does God give to Israel so that they will be holy- that is set apart from all the nations on the serpent's team?**
God gives Israel His Law.
- 2. What does the Law do for Israel?**
 - a. It shows the people what God is like- His perfect character.
 - b. It shows the people that they do not have God's perfect character- they fall short of His character which is called sin.
 - c. It gives the people a way to be made right with God even when they fall short and sin against God.
- 3. What is God's perfect character?**
Loyal love which the Story calls "chesed."
- 4. How does God's loyal love work?**
Loyal love, or "chesed," costs the giver everything and costs the receiver nothing. It is undeserved by the recipient and is a one way love that cannot be repaid.
- 5. What was sacrificed for the sins of the people and why?**
When the people sinned, an animal was killed, giving its life and blood in place of theirs so that they could live and not die. The animal was a substitute for the people and pointed back to the first-time people sinned in the Garden when an animal died in their place and pointed forward to the coming Messiah who would give His life in the place of all those who sin.
- 6. How were the sacrifices offered by Israel different than the sacrifice that would be offered by the coming Messiah?**
The sacrifices of the Law only covered the people's sin and they had to continue to make sacrifices every time they sinned. The coming Messiah's sacrifice would be the perfect sacrifice that would not cover sin but would once and for all remove the sin completely.