



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 LORD is merciful and just.

Lesson Summary

Over the last few weeks, we watched as the LORD raised up Moses to lead God's people out into the wilderness so that they can serve the LORD and become the great nation the LORD promised they would be. God purposed for Israel to be a kingdom of representatives. They were to represent God and make Him known to the nations. However, instead of representing the LORD to the nations, the people rebel against the LORD and make for themselves an idol to worship, even crediting the idol for delivering them from Egypt. Ironically, 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.

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. Recently we have seen "types" of the Messiah in Joseph, Moses, and in the provisions for Israel in the desert. Today we get to see the office of priest as a mediator for the people. Let's keep an eye on this as we will see how it relates to the Messiah next week.

Story of the Bible Chart picture of the day:



THIS WEEK



The Tabernacle and
Israel's rebellion
Exodus 32-40

LAST WEEK



The LORD gives
Israel the Law
Exodus 19-31

NEXT WEEK



As Sinful People
Approaching a Holy God
Leviticus Intro

QUICK STORY REVIEW

God sets apart a special nation • Genesis 11:27–12:8



As we continue to learn the story in chopped-up pieces, it is helpful to periodically remind ourselves that we are reading one unified story. In order to help our students with that, please review the following ideas with the students in order to emphasize that today's scene is not a new story, but a continuation of the same story we have already been learning.

How is God's special nation, Israel, set apart (that is holy and different) from all the wicked nations?

1. Israel is the only nation on God's Team.
2. The promised true Image-Bearer who will bless believers with eternal life from the dead is coming from the LORD through the nation of Israel.
3. Israel worships the one true God while the wicked nations worship idols such as rocks and sticks and things they make with their own hands and call "god".
4. Israel is given God's Law, the Ten Commandments, which sets them apart from all the other nations.

Israel is to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation, set apart to accomplish God's purposes.



Preview of this lesson:

However, instead of being "holy" (that is set apart and separate from the nations on the serpent's team), Israel does the exact opposite and becomes like the wicked nations. See the "Lesson Outline" to find out how.

Lesson Outline

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AGES 3–5 LESSON OUTLINE



1. Israel fails to represent the LORD and instead becomes like the wicked nations..
2. God punishes Israel for their sin, but He still shows them mercy in response to Moses' acting as a priest and interceding for Israel (i.e. he prayed on their behalf).
3. God appoints priests to Israel to intercede for Israel until Messiah comes.

AGES 6–11 LESSON OUTLINE



1. Israel fails to represent the LORD and instead becomes like the wicked nations (Ex 32:1-18).
 - a. They break the Law. They turned to idolatry, which is worshiping something else in place of God. They make a golden calf with their own hands, call it a “god” and worship it.
 - b. They fail to represent God to the wicked nations. In other words, they fail to be a “kingdom of priests” to the nations on the serpent’s team. God threatens to destroy them and start over with Moses (like Noah).
2. God punishes Israel for their sin, but He still shows them mercy in response to Moses' acting as a priest and interceding on their behalf (Ex 32:19-35; Ex 33-40).
 - a. Through Moses, God severely punishes Israel’s sin (32:19-35):
 - i. Moses breaks the tablets of the Ten Commandments.
 - ii. Moses destroys the golden calf.
 - iii. Moses leads some faithful men (Levites) to kill 3000 unfaithful Israelites who had joined the serpent’s team.
 - b. In response to Moses acting as a priest on Israel’s behalf (Ex 33-40):
 - i. God does not destroy all of Israel
 - ii. God keeps His promise to Abraham to give Israel the land of Canaan (Ex. 33:1-2)
 - iii. God chooses to dwell with, or be present with, Israel in a physical way. He has them build a Tabernacle, which is a very special tent, where God would be present in the midst of His people.
 - iv. God appoints priests to serve in the Tabernacle—they would intercede for sinful Israel so that the LORD could remain among them.





Lesson Questions

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

All Ages Lesson Questions

- 1. Remember last week we learned the word "holy." What does this word mean in the story?**
To be set apart by God for a special purpose.
- 2. What makes Israel, God's special nation, holy?**
 - a. Israel is the only nation on God's Team.
 - b. The Promised One that will bless believers with eternal life will come through the nation of Israel.
 - c. Israel worships the one true God.
 - d. Israel has God's Law, the Ten Commandments, so that they can reflect God's character and represent God to all the nations.
- 3. How does Israel ignore the things that make them "holy" and instead do the opposite of what is good in God's eyes?**
 - a. Israel breaks God's Law.
 - b. Israel takes things that are not God and treats them as if they are God just like the other nations- this is called idol worship or idolatry.
 - c. Israel is no longer a "kingdom of priests" who pray for the nations on the serpent's team.
- 4. Why does Israel's disobedience matter so much?**
Israel is making it hard for the nations to join God's Team and believe in the Promised One who will bring eternal life.

****God deals with Israel in two ways for doing the opposite of what is good in God's eyes. God gives both just punishment and mercy to Israel.**

First, God punishes Israel and gives them what they deserve for doing the opposite of His commands.

- **How does God punish Israel for doing the opposite of what He desires?**
 - a. God severely punishes Israel's sin and has Moses break the tablet that the Ten Commandments are written on, and has Moses destroy the golden calf they are worshiping.
 - b. God gives Moses a group of faithful men who represent God to kill three thousand unfaithful Israelites.

Second, God shows mercy, which is He gives Israel the opposite of what they deserve.

- **How does God show mercy to Israel?**
 - a. God does not destroy Israel completely like He did with the wicked world in the Flood.
 - b. God keeps His promise to Abraham and gives Israel the Land of Canaan as their land.
 - c. God chooses to reside within Israel's camp in a special tent called the Tabernacle so that He could be among His special people.
 - d. God gives Israel priests to serve in the Tabernacle and to pray to God on behalf of Israel.