



LESSON 31

God requires holy living

LEVITICUS 19:1-37



Lesson Summary

After graciously providing the way for Israel to live in His holy presence, God then showed them that they needed to respond to His grace by living holy lives. The reason for being holy is because God is holy. His people are to reflect His character. There are many particular laws in Leviticus, but they are summed up by loving God, loving others, and being distinct from the world.

Spotlight on the Gospel

God saved Israel so that they would serve Him in holiness. And God saves all who believe in Jesus Christ so that they will display His glory by living holy lives. Both for Old Testament believers and New Testament believers, God saves as a gift of His grace. But then those who are saved are to go on to do good works, loving God and loving others in purity. In this way they display the glory of Christ.

LAST WEEK



God Ordains the Day of
Atonement
Leviticus 16:1-34

THIS WEEK



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Leviticus 19:1-37

NEXT WEEK



Israel rejects God's
provisions
Numbers 11:1-12:16



Lesson Questions

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



Ages 3–5 Lesson Questions

- 1. Why are we supposed to be holy?**
We are to be holy because God is holy.
- 2. How do you treat your parents in order to be holy?**
Holiness means obeying and honoring parents.
- 3. What are some bad things that you shouldn't do to other people?**
We should not steal, lie, cheat, or hurt other people.
- 4. How should you treat others to honor God?**
We should love other people as ourselves.



Ages 6–11 Lesson Questions

- 1. Are we told to be holy in order to earn God's favor?**
No. We are to be holy because God is holy. Our holiness is a response to the grace He has already shown.
- 2. If we have not yet been redeemed by God, what are our righteous deeds like?**
They are like filthy rags.
- 3. How can you be holy at home?**
We should honor our parents.
- 4. How can you be holy in worship?**
We should worship God in just the way He tells us to.
- 5. How can you be holy towards other people?**
We should not steal, lie, cheat, hurt, or hate other people.
- 6. How does the Bible sum up the way we treat others?**
We are to love them as ourselves.
- 7. Can you give some examples of how Israel was to be different than other nations?**
They were to dress differently, be pure in marriage, give God the first good fruit from their trees, not be obsessed with death, and worship God in purity.
- 8. Why does holiness involve treating strangers with love?**
God treated us with love when we were strangers, so we reflect His character by doing the same.

Lesson Activities

Choose from the following ideas to introduce, illustrate, and apply this week's lesson.

AGES 3–5



INTRODUCE

HOLINESS REVIEW

Review “holiness” with the children. Explain that holiness means being separate from sin. Help the children picture this by bringing in two small containers full of salt. In one container, mix in a little pepper. Fill the other with salt only. Only one of these containers is pure, separate from pepper (sin).

DIFFERENT HATS

God wanted the Israelites to be noticeably different from the world. When they did the things God told them to do, other people would notice and know they were God's people. Here are some hats for people we know who are different. When the people wear them, we know what those people's jobs are.

Fireman's Hat: Besides his special hat, a fireman also wears a uniform, a badge, and boots, and he drives a fire truck with lights and loud sirens.

Captain's Hat: The captain of a ship wears a special hat along with his uniform.

Baseball Team Cap: A baseball player wears a special cap with a logo on it. His hat identifies him as a member of a certain team. Otherwise, all the men running around on the field would get confused about who was on their team.



ILLUSTRATE

LOVE LETTER

Write a letter to God, telling Him how you love Him. Put it in an envelope, seal it, address it to God, and bring it to class. After reading your letter to the class, ask the children why they love God. Explain that your desire to live a holy life is because you love God.

PUPPET APPLICATION

Think of situations that children struggle with at home or with their friends and that are related to today's lesson. Examples include disobeying parents, lying, being disrespectful, tattling, and not sharing. Have the puppet talk to the children about different struggles he has in these areas. Have the puppet ask children for advice on what he should do.



APPLY

“THE LORD IS HOLY”

BRACELET

See *Year 1 Craft Book, Book 2*.

Materials: Craft sheet, yellow cardstock, foam decorative pieces, glitter glue, scissors, tape, and glue.

Directions: Prior to class, fold a sheet of yellow cardstock in half lengthwise and cut along the crease. Cut out “The Lord is Holy” piece from the craft sheet. In class, have children glue “The Lord is Holy” piece to the yellow cardstock that has been cut in half. Decorate the yellow cardstock with foam decorations and color in the words with gold glitter glue. Help the children to form a bracelet and tape it together according to the size of their wrist.

“The Lord is Holy” Bracelet
See *Year 1 Craft Book, Book 2*.



TEACH THE BIBLE LESSON

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AGES 6-8



INTRODUCE

HOLY LIVING

Discuss with the children things that people do today that make God sad and things that Christians do that make God glad. In Leviticus 19, God instructs the children of Israel to be set apart as a holy nation. They were told to live apart from the world in nearly everything they did. Ask the children, “What are things people do today that are against God’s instructions to be holy?” “What are some ways in which Christians should live apart from the world?” Then ask the children whether God is concerned with more than just being good. Which is better, picking up toys because your mom tells you to, or picking up your toys because you love your mom? We should be obedient to God because we love God and want to please Him.”

DIFFERENT RULES

God gave His people special rules to show they were different. In your class today, make up one or two rules that will show that your class is different. For example, you might make a “thank you/you’re welcome” rule. Every time a child receives something from a teacher or another child, he should say a clear and kind “thank you.”



ILLUSTRATE

SET APART: RARE CHINA

In Leviticus 19, the children of Israel were called to be holy by being different. The Israelites were called to be set apart as God’s possession for His special purpose. They were to look different because they had a different purpose than the rest of the world. The people of Israel were like a china plate. China is not used every day as plastic is. Plastic is designed for common daily uses. But on special occasions, we use the beautiful china. It is reserved for a very special purpose, just like the nation of Israel.

WHICH CAME FIRST?

Show the class an apple seed and an apple and ask the children which came first. Of course the seed came first. Without the seed there is no fruit! This is just like the fruit of holiness in our lives. Holiness is the fruit of a genuine love for God.



APPLY

HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER

See Year 1 Craft Book, Book 2.

Materials: Craft sheet, cardstock, crayons, scissors, and glue.

Directions: Have children cut out the puzzle pieces from the craft sheet. Arrange the pieces in their proper place and glue them to the sheet of cardstock. Glue the verse to the bottom of the cardstock. Children may color the picture if there is time.

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SERVING THE PRESIDENT

Imagine that the president is going to come to our class today. Imagine that he has chosen you for a very special job. Everyone will know that you work for him. What if you wear dirty and torn clothes? What if you don't speak nicely to others? What if you aren't prepared to do the job when you are needed? Would that show the proper respect for the president? More importantly, would you be serious about serving God. God is perfect and hates sin, and we should also hate sin. Believers should show their love for God by obeying Him and being holy.

WHAT THE WORLD DOES

Ask the children what sinful things the world does. Ask the children what Christians should do and why they should do it. They should not do these things because God is holy. He wants us to live differently than the world around us. Today, as we learn about Leviticus, we are seeing how God wanted the Israelites to live holy lives. Many of the things that the world did then, it also does now.



LOVE GOD AND LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Write these two categories on the board. As you read through Leviticus 19, pause after each command, and ask the children whether the command falls into the category of "Love God" or "Love Your Neighbor." Paraphrase the command on the board under the correct category label.

HONORING PARENTS

Ask the children to think about television shows or movies they have seen that show children being disrespectful or disobedient. How does the world portray parents and older people? Often, the world portrays parents as uncool, unkind, or dumb. In many movies and shows, children display disrespectful attitudes toward adults. This is very different from how God thinks of children and parents. God wants children to respect parents. In today's lesson, we are learning what God asks from children.



DO YOU LOVE ME?

How do you show your love to others? Ask the children to share ways that they express love. Write their ideas for display. Some ways are serving others, spending time with others, and giving words of encouragement. Explain that the Bible tells us how to express love to God. Love for God equals obedience to God (John 14:15).



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Being Holy

God delivered His people by fighting for His people with great power. Trace the letters to see how God's people are to respond to His holiness.

You should be holy because God is holy. But first you must:

BELIEVE

God saves as a gift of His grace but those who are saved are to go on to do good.

Be holy by obeying your parents.

OBEYING

Holiness starts at home.

Be holy by not stealing, lying, cheating, or hurting others.

NOT LYING

True love for God will manifest itself in a love for others.

Be holy by loving those around you as yourself.

LOVING

Holiness comes from the heart.

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Holy Living

Unscramble the letters of each word to see how God expects His people to live holy lives.

1. _____ (NOROH) your parents (Lev 19:3)
2. Give to the _____ (OPRO) (Lev 19:9-10)
3. Do not _____ (OCMK) the disabled (Lev 19:14)
4. _____ (LEOV) your neighbor as yourself (Lev 19:18)
5. Do not spread _____ (RRMUSO) (Lev 19:16)
6. Be _____ (NKDI) to strangers (Lev 19:33-34)
7. Honor those who are _____ (ROLDE) (Lev 19:32)
8. _____ (RIPHOWS) God the way He desires to be worshiped (Lev 19:29-31)
9. Being _____ (FARI) to others (Lev 19:35)
10. _____ (TEFCREL) God's character (Lev 19:1-2).



Define the word *love*. _____

What should true love for God look like in the lives of believers? _____



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Cryptogram

Each number stands for a letter. Determine which number stands for each letter and discover the secret message.

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Define the word *holy*. _____

List four practical ways God calls His people to be holy:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____



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See What You Know!

NAME _____

God requires holy living.

1. Fill in the blanks from Leviticus 19:2 using the following words:

Speak, LORD, holy, Israel

“ _____ to all the congregation of the people of _____ and say to them, You shall be _____, for I the _____ your God am holy.

2. God commanded the Israelites to _____ their neighbors.

hate despise hit love

3. God commanded the Israelites to _____ the elderly.

fear hate honor profane

4. How does God call His people to be holy? (Circle all that apply)

By treating the LORD as holy

By loving your neighbor as yourself

By being different from the world

By respecting the weak and being fair

5. Fill in the blanks from Leviticus 19:37 using the following words:

observe, do, LORD, rules, statues

“And you shall _____ all my _____ and all my _____, and _____ them: I am the _____.”

6. How can you summarize all of God’s holy requirements (Mic 6:8; Matt 22:37–40)?

7. Can you fulfill the holiness God requires? Why or why not? _____

8. Who is the only one who has ever fulfilled the holiness God requires? _____



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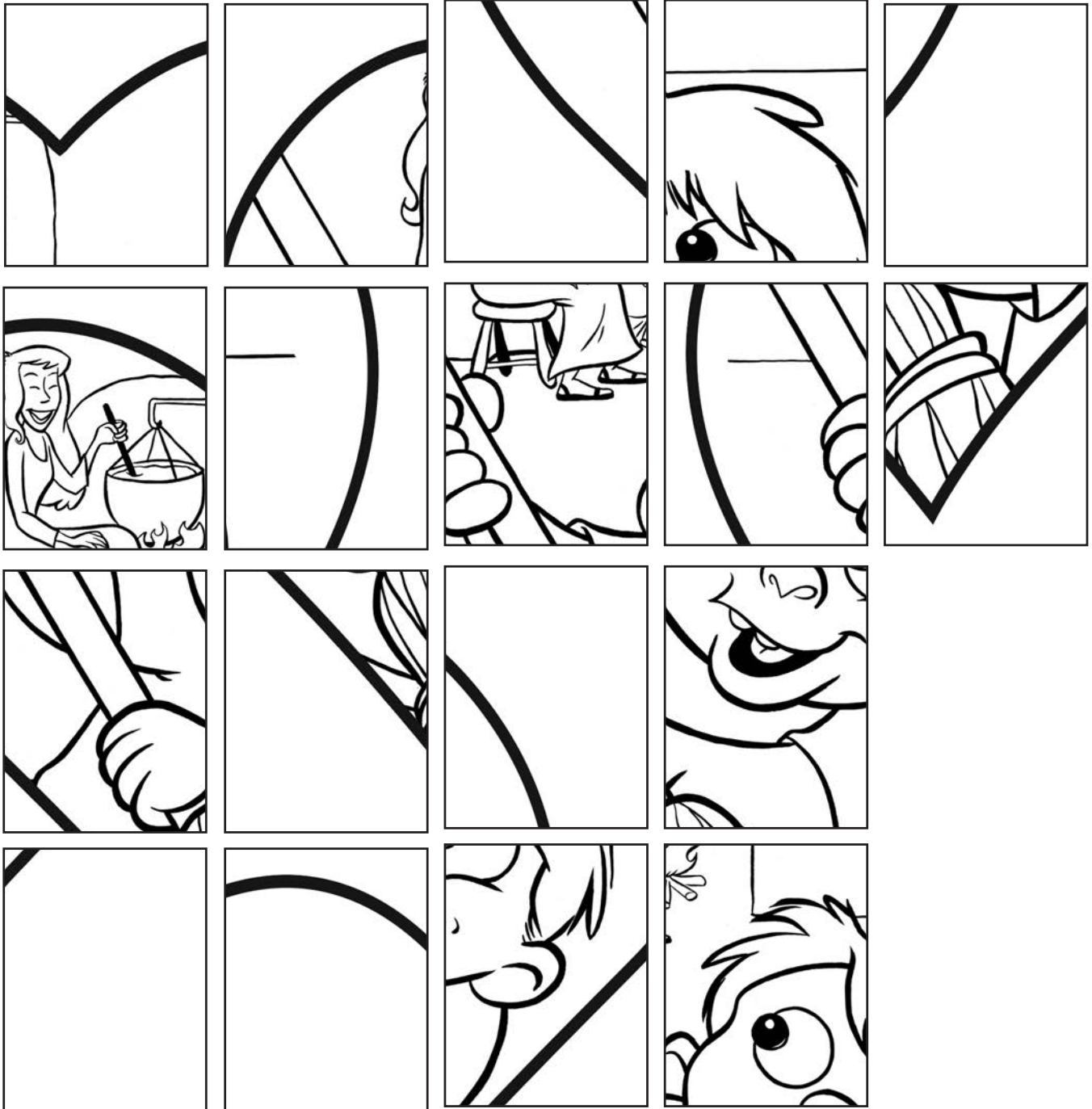
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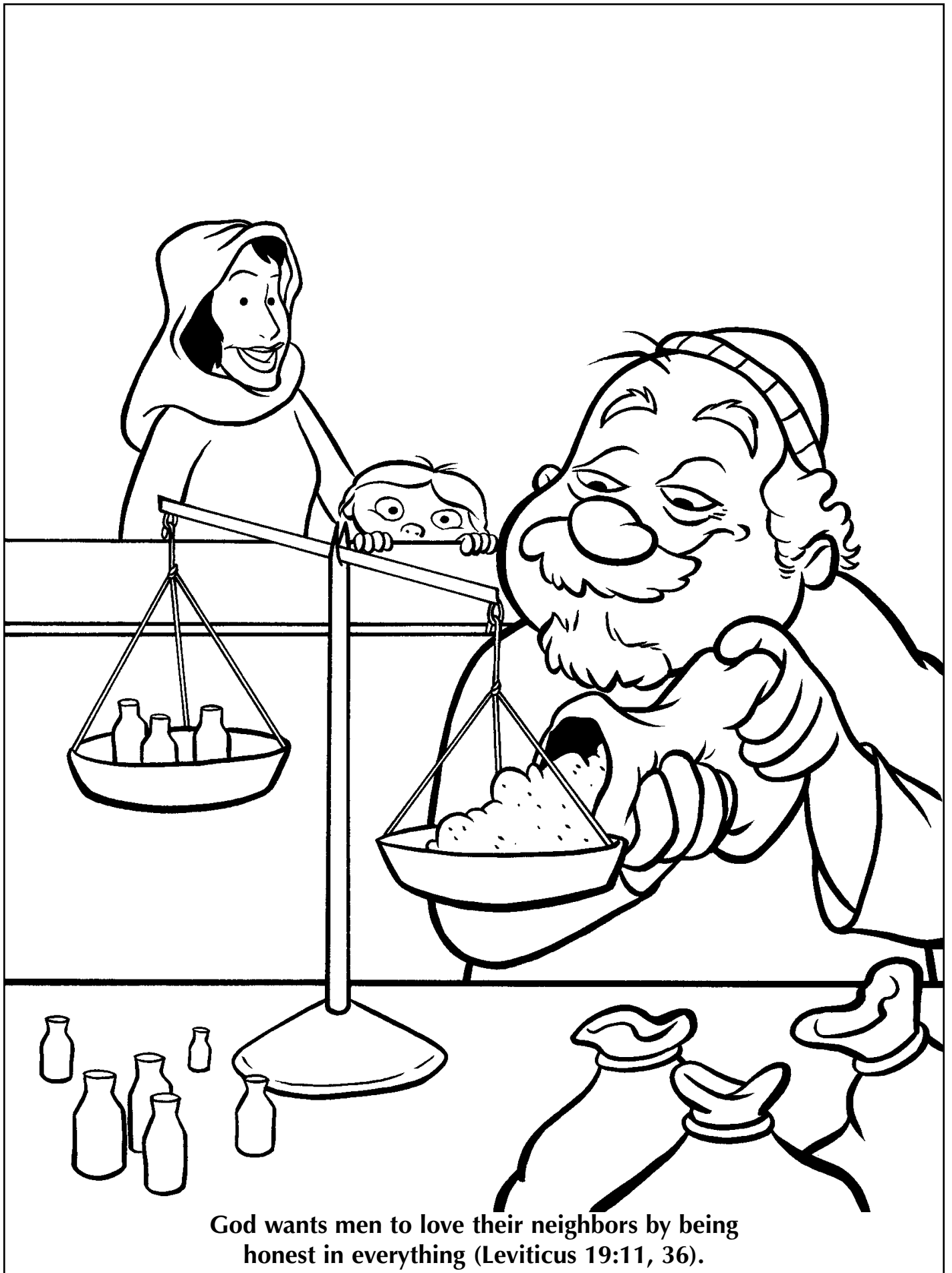
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Honor Your Father and Mother

See page 161 of the Teacher Book, Year 1, Book 2



“Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father” (Lev 19:3a).



God wants men to love their neighbors by being honest in everything (Leviticus 19:11, 36).



FAMILY PRAYER TIME

Praying through ACTS from Leviticus

Adoration

"Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession." (Hebrews 4:14)

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'" (John 1:29)

Praise Jesus as the Great High Priest and Lamb of God who brings us back to God and takes our sins away.

Confession

"And the people complained in the hearing of the LORD about their misfortunes, and when the LORD heard it, his anger was kindled..." (Numbers 11:1a)

Confess a time you have complained about God's provision for you.

Thanksgiving

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace" (Ephesians 1:7)

Thank God for providing the atonement for our sin through Jesus.

Supplication

"And fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the pieces of fat on the altar, and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces." (Leviticus 9:24)

Pray that God would help you to revere Him in worship - showing Him the honour and respect He deserves as a just and holy God.

