

## Family Worship Guide – Week 51

### MEMORIZE

Leviticus 16:16 – Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins. And so he shall do for the tent of meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleannesses.

### READ

Read Leviticus 16:15-16.

The punishment for sin is death. Long before the Rescuer would come, God set up a yearly sacrifice that would take the punishment in place of his people. When the Rescuer arrived, he would provide the final sacrifice—once for all.

#### Questions:

What is a sacrifice?

Why did God's people have to sacrifice animals year after year?

Why did Jesus' sacrifice only have to happen once?

**Bottom Line:** Because Jesus is God, His sacrifice was worth so much that it paid the penalty for sin, fully and forever.

### SING

'O Come O Come Emmanuel' is our song this week. The lyrics remind us of those who waited for the Messiah's first appearance, anticipating freedom from the exile of sin and restoration to God.

O Come O Come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

We sing these lyrics now in anticipation of Christ's second coming. We rejoice because we have received God's amazing gift of salvation through His grace and mercy. Praise the Lord as you sing of His abundant love.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

Visit our website for a link to this song: [www.brookhills.org/gathering/this\\_week.html](http://www.brookhills.org/gathering/this_week.html).

### SUGGESTIONS

These suggestions were created by the age-group ministry leaders as a way to help parents better communicate the biblical truths discussed in the Family Worship Guide. These suggestions are intended to help parents facilitate God-centered discussions with their children. Parents should prayerfully use these suggestions, and any other means necessary, to help their children discover the truths of God's word and worship Him together.

#### Preschool

- Before you begin open your Bible to Leviticus 16:16. Have your child bring you one of their favorite toys or most prized possession.
- Talk about the item and what makes it special to your child and how would they feel if they had to give it away.
- Now discuss the word sacrifice, how it feels and that it's not easy. Jesus made the greatest sacrifice! He suffered for our sins and then He gave His life for us. God sent His son, Jesus, from heaven to earth to save us from our sins/bad choices. Jesus willingly left heaven, was born as a baby, grew up into a man, sacrificed His life and died on the cross for us. That was the greatest sacrifice of all. Isn't it amazing that Jesus never sinned, yet He loved us so much that He died taking the punishment we deserved?
- Let's pray and thank God for sending Jesus and loving us so much!

### Children

- Grab your Bible, a glass of water, a spoon, and some food coloring.
- Sit down with your child and read the passage. Explain that in the Old Testament, before Jesus came to earth, the priest at the temple had to make animal sacrifices on behalf of the people.
- Ask your child if they know what a sacrifice is. Explain that in this passage the animal is offered as a sacrifice, which means that the blood of the animal is shed as a payment for the sins of the people.
- Ask your child why the priest had to make these animal sacrifices for the people (you may want to read verse 16 again). Explain that they the people were unclean, which means they were sinful.
- Explain that the people could not make these sacrifices for themselves; the priest had to do it for them.
- Make sure your child understands that this was not a permanent solution to the problem of sin.
- Take the glass of water and food coloring. Tell your child that the food coloring represents sin and the glass of water represents people. Remind them that all people are born with a sinful nature, and as you explain this, put a few drops of color in the water and mix it with a spoon so it fully dissolves.
- Ask your child if there is a way to remove the color from the water. Allow them some time to discuss.
- Explain that there is no way to remove the color. The color has become part of the water, just like our sinful nature is part of us. And just as we can't remove the color from the water, we are not able to remove sin from our own lives.
- Remind your child that the priest offered sacrifices over and over, not just one time, because once wasn't enough. They had to keep repeating it every year.
- Ask your child if they know why we no longer follow this sacrificial system. Allow them some time to discuss. Explain that Jesus came and paid the ultimate sacrifice and because of that we no longer have to sacrifice animals every year.
- Explain that Jesus came and lived a perfect life and died on our behalf, as the sacrifice for our sins and this never has to be repeated. Explain that because Jesus was the perfect sacrifice, He is able to fully pay for the sins of all people by His death. This sacrifice never has to happen again.
- Remind your child that for those who confess their sin and put their faith in Jesus, their sins are covered once and for all because of Jesus' one sacrifice.
- Remind your child that this is what we celebrate at Christmas. Jesus was born so that He could be the perfect sacrifice for sinners who were unable to save themselves. Emphasize that the greatest gift we can receive is Jesus.

### Students

- When are times where you have had to learn the small things before you could do something more important? (Examples: simple steps in math class to learn how to do a larger problem, practice drills in a sport in order to run a play, chords on a guitar before you can play a song, etc.)
- As humans, we have to learn things in steps. We cannot always understand big ideas immediately. We have to prepare ourselves.
- How was God preparing mankind for Christ's sacrifice by creating this law in Leviticus 16:15-16?
- What does Leviticus 16:15-16 teach us about man? About God?
- Read Hebrews 10:11-14.
- How does understanding what the Israelites had to do before Christ make you more grateful for his sacrifice?
- Because He has sacrificed once and for all, we no longer have to work for our own salvation. He works it for us and in us.
- Spend time praising Christ for His perfect sacrifice.

