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DEDICATED TO THE STUDENTS OF **CHRIST COVENANT SCHOOL**

USING THIS TEACHER'S GUIDE

OVERVIEW

Investigating God's Word...At School is a Bible curriculum designed for Christian schools, grades K-5th. Each unit provides material for 9 weeks, divided into four lessons each week. Each lesson is designed to be taught in a 25-30 minute teaching blocks. This Bible curriculum also includes Scripture memory.

DISTINCTIVES

This Kindergarten Bible curriculum is unique in the following ways:

- (1) It teaches the students how to study God's Word for themselves.
- (2) It includes daily quizzes in order to help the students build their Bible knowledge.
- (3) It teaches the students a Word of the Week each lesson to build their vocabularies.
- (4) Each lesson puts the texts of Scripture in historical context, teaching the children that the Bible is real history.
- (5) It trains the students to apply God's Word to their lives.

COMPONENTS

Each four-lesson week includes a lesson overview to give you the "big picture" of the Scripture being studied. It also includes a brief preparation section and a teaching encouragement to help get you started.

Introduction. Each lesson starts with an introduction section. The introduction includes a question or two that will teach the children basic Biblical theology.

Quiz Time. Next, the students are quizzed in order to train them to remember what they

words that the children need to learn. The W.O.W! often provides the theme for the entire lesson.

Bible Investigation. The Bible Investigation time is the heart and soul of each day's lesson. It plunges the student directly into God's Word, not simply a paraphrase of a Bible story. All Scripture text included in the curriculum is from the English Standard Version (ESV). The Bible reading is taken in short sections, separated by times of discussion, questions, and application points. This format allows ample opportunities to stop, think about and discuss what is being read.

Scripture Memory. At the end of each lesson, the students will be taught a Scripture memory verse. There will be one memory verse for the entire week. These memory texts will be connected to what was studied that week.

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OVERVIEW

The Book of Leviticus is all about the priests, their duties, and the right worship of God. The LORD is the one who taught Israel how He was to be worshiped, and what offerings were required. God's people were to bring the prescribed burnt, grain, sin, guilt, peace, and fellowship offerings to the priests to give to the LORD. The priest was anointed to lead in worship, and the tabernacle was anointed as the place of worship.

The Day of Atonement was celebrated once a year to make atonement for the sins of Israel. Among the sacrifices were two goats—one was killed as a sin offering, and the other was released with the sin of the people on its head. Both goats symbolized our great Savior, Jesus Christ!

As the Israelites leave Sinai, their sin is still on display. Their grumbling and complaining brings fire from heaven. Then, their complaints for meat brings quail, as well as a plague. They were failing the test of faith and obedience. This rebellion carries over to the leaders, as Miriam and Aaron oppose Moses' leadership. This is really opposition to God, which ends up turning Miriam into a leper. Moses prays and Miriam is restored.

PREPARATION

Read and meditate on this week's lessons from Leviticus and Numbers. You may want to provide pictures or felt figures to illustrate each day's lesson.

TEACHING ENCOURAGEMENT

Priests. Offerings. Blood. Atonement. These all come together in the Book of Leviticus, and point us to our Savior. Teach your children that Jesus is their great High Priest. Show them that His death on the cross was the perfect offering and sacrifice for their sin. All of the blood of the sacrifices avail nothing; but Christ's blood is for the remission of sin. The lesson on the Day of Atonement is especially important to train young hearts on our need to have our sins covered. As one goat dies and the other goat carries the sins of Israel away, so Christ embodies both of them in His death and resurrection!

LESSON 1: PRIESTS AND OFFERINGS

LESSON SCHEDULE

INTRODUCTION

What is a sinful nature?

2-3 min.

QUIZ TIME

God's Law

3-4 min.

W.O.W!

Anoint

2-3 min.

BIBLE INVESTIGATION

Priests and offerings

10-12 min.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Psalms 28:8

3-4 min.



INTRODUCTION

Say: Are you ready to study God's Word today? Great! First, let's talk about our NATURES. We have already learned how God made human beings in His own image. Well, that means He gave us a NATURE—we call it our HUMAN NATURE. Unfortunately, because of Adam and Eve's sin, we now have sinful NATURES.

So what this means is that it is NATURAL for us to SIN—sort of like it is natural for us to breathe and eat and drink. That's bad news isn't it? This sinful nature is called ORIGINAL SIN. Say it with me! We'll talk more about it this week.



QUIZ TIME

Now on to our QUIZ TIME—our regular opportunity to review what we have learned in the past. Are you ready?

Today's questions: How many commandments did God give Moses on Mount Sinai? What were God's people supposed to do with God's Law? How did God's people disobey God's Law even while Moses was still on Mount Sinai? What did God give His people as a place of worship? Who is the only one who has kept God's Law perfectly?

Answers:

1. Ten Commandments.
2. Obey it.
3. They worshiped a golden calf.
4. The tabernacle.
5. Jesus Christ.

Say: God has given us His Law so that we will know His holiness and see our own sin. His moral law can only be obeyed by the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts!



W.O.W!

Say: Are you ready to learn a new word today? Our W.O.W! (Word of the Week) this week is **ANOINT**. Write the word on the board.

In the Bible, priests, kings and prophets were ANOINTED. To ANOINT someone was to set him apart for a special job for the LORD. Today, we will read about how the priests of God were ANOINTED for a very important job.

People who were ANOINTED had special oil poured on their heads. This oil was a symbol of their ANOINTING.

So pay attention and see what God calls and ANOINTS priests to do!



BIBLE INVESTIGATION

Introduction: The third book of the Bible is called LEVITICUS. Say LEVITICUS. Leviticus teaches us all about the work of the priests and the offerings the Israelites were to bring to God in their worship.

Listen to God's Word in Leviticus. **Read Leviticus 1:1-3.**

¹ The LORD called Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting, saying, ² "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When any one of you brings an offering to the LORD, you shall bring your offering of livestock from the herd or from the flock. ³ "If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer a male without blemish. He shall bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the LORD.

Discussion: There were all sorts of OFFERINGS that Israel was to bring to the LORD. Today, we usually bring money as our offering, don't we? But in Old Testament times, God's people brought animals and food as offerings. Where did they bring their offerings? [To the tabernacle.]

Listen to more. **Read verses 4-7.**

⁴ He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him. ⁵ Then he shall kill the bull



before the LORD, and Aaron's sons the priests shall bring the blood and throw the blood against the sides of the altar that is at the entrance of the tent of meeting.⁶ Then he shall flay the burnt offering and cut it into pieces,⁷ and the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire.

Discussion: *Who was in charge of sacrificing the OFFERING to the LORD? [The priests.] Remember that Aaron was the first high priest of Israel, and his sons were also priests. The burnt offering was killed in order to make atonement for the sins of the people. It was a pleasing sacrifice to God.*

Summary: *Throughout the first half of Leviticus, God commands His people to make all sorts of OFFERINGS—burnt offerings, sin offerings, guilt offerings, peace offerings, etc. Why did they need to make so many OFFERINGS to God? [Because of their sin! They needed to be forgiven by God!]*

Now listen to this. **Read Leviticus 8:1-3.**

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,² "Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments and the anointing oil and the bull of the sin offering and the two rams and the basket of unleavened bread.³ And assemble all the congregation at the entrance of the tent of meeting."⁴ And Moses did as the LORD commanded him, and the congregation was assembled at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

Discussion: *Did you hear our Word of the Week? Who was going to be ANOINTED as priests? [Aaron and his sons.] They were given the special full-time job of ministering to the people and offering sacrifices to God.*

Listen to more. **Read verses 6-8.**

⁶ And Moses brought Aaron and his sons and washed them with water.⁷ And he put the coat on him and tied the sash around his waist and clothed him with the robe and put the ephod on him and tied the skillfully woven band of the ephod around him, binding it to him with the band.⁸ And he placed the breastpiece on him, and in the breastpiece he put the Urim and the Thummim.⁹ And he set the turban on his head, and on the turban, in front, he set the golden plate, the holy crown, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Discussion: *The priests had to be washed and cleansed to do this special job. They had to wear special clothes too, didn't they? All of this symbolized that they were set apart or HOLY to the LORD.*



Let's continue reading. **Read verses 10-12.**

¹⁰ Then Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it, and consecrated them. ¹¹ And he sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all its utensils and the basin and its stand, to consecrate them. ¹² And he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him to consecrate him.

Discussion: *What else was ANOINTED?* [The tabernacle and all that was within it.] *The tabernacle was set apart for a holy purpose. And so was Aaron—God's high priest.*

Let's finish our reading for today. **Read verse 35.**

³⁵ At the entrance of the tent of meeting you shall remain day and night for seven days, performing what the LORD has charged, so that you do not die, for so I have been commanded."

Conclusion: *Do we have priests making burnt offerings for us every day, seven days a week? No way! Do you know why we don't need priests and burnt offerings anymore? Allow answers. Because Jesus is our great High Priest who intercedes for us! And, Jesus is our perfect SACRIFICE—He died as an offering to the LORD of our sins. This is the good news of the gospel!*



SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Read the Scripture Memory verse (Psalm 28:8) together.

Psalm 28:8 (ESV)

⁸ The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Say: *This is such a great verse because you and I need strength to live this life. But even better than that, the Psalmist says that God saves His ANOINTED ones. Who are God's ANOINTED ones? All who put their faith in Jesus are special. Since there are no more priests, His ANOINTED are all who belong to Jesus!*

Review the verse. Close in prayer.

LESSON 2: THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

LESSON SCHEDULE

INTRODUCTION

Sinful nature and heaven

2-3 min.

QUIZ TIME

Priests and offerings

3-4 min.

W.O.W!

Anoint

2-3 min.

BIBLE INVESTIGATION

The Day of Atonement

10-12 min.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Psalm 28:8

3-4 min.



INTRODUCTION

Say: Raise your hand if you have a NATURE. Raise your hand if you have a SINFUL NATURE. Yes, we all have a sinful nature, which means it's NATURAL for us to sin. This sinful nature is called ORIGINAL SIN.

So, here's the big question for today. Can anyone with a sinful nature be accepted into heaven? [No.] Why not? **Allow answers.** Since God is holy, He cannot live with sinners. That's bad news for us, isn't it? We'll talk about the good news next time.



QUIZ TIME

Now let's have our regular QUIZ TIME so we can remember what we have learned in the past. Are you ready?

Today's questions: What did God provide as a place of worship for the Israelites? Who was set apart to lead the worship of God? What book of the Bible teaches us about the priests and offerings? Why did God's people need to give God offerings?

Answers:

1. The tabernacle.
2. The priests.
3. Leviticus.
4. Because they were sinners and God is holy.

Say: Do we have priests who offer sacrifices for us today? [No!] Why not? **Allow answers.** Jesus is our great High Priest and Jesus is the perfect sacrifice for our sins. We can worship God because of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus!



W.O.W!

Say: Who remembers our most recent Word of the Week? Our W.O.W! (Word of the Week) this week is **ANOINT**. Write the word on the board.

Who was ANOINTED in the Book of Leviticus? [The priests.] To ANOINT is to rub or smear special oil on someone to set him apart for holy work. Remember, even the tabernacle was ANOINTED as God's holy place.

In the Greek language, the word ANOINT is the same word as the word CHRIST. Isn't that interesting? So, Jesus Christ's name really means: Jesus the ANOINTED one! Jesus was set apart by God to do a very special work—the work of dying on the cross for our sins!



BIBLE INVESTIGATION

Introduction: God commanded His people to worship Him alone. Then, He gave them instructions on how to worship Him. One of the most special days of worship was called the Day of Atonement. Say it with me! We'll learn about the Day of Atonement today.

Listen carefully. **Read Leviticus 16:5-7.**

⁵ And he shall take from the congregation of the people of Israel two male goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering. ⁶ "Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering for himself and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. ⁷ Then he shall take the two goats and set them before the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

Discussion: Who is the high priest in Israel? [Aaron.] Aaron was to sacrifice a bull to make ATONEMENT for himself. Atonement means: to become AT ONE with God again. We need to ATONE for our sins so we can have fellowship with God. So once Aaron atoned for His own sins, it was his job to lead in making ATONEMENT for God's people.

Listen to more. **Read verses 15-16.**

¹⁵ "Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with



the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat.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.

Discussion: *There were two goats chosen for this ceremony. What happened to the first goat? [It was killed as a sin offering.] This goat sacrificed its life for the sins of the people. The blood of the goat was sprinkled for cleansing the people's sin.*

*What about the second goat? **Read verses 21-22.***

²¹ And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins. And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness.²² The goat shall bear all their iniquities on itself to a remote area, and he shall let the goat go free in the wilderness.

Discussion: *Aaron laid his hands on the head of the live goat as an act of TRANSFER. In other words, he put ALL of Israel's sins on to the head of the goat! Then, what did he do with the goat? [He sent the goat into the wilderness.] This goat, called the scapegoat, took all of those sins far, far away from God's people. Wow!*

*Let's read more. **Read verses 27-28.***

²⁷ And the bull for the sin offering and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy Place, shall be carried outside the camp. Their skin and their flesh and their dung shall be burned up with fire.²⁸ And he who burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp.

Discussion: *Everything had to be carried outside the camp to cleanse the people from their sins. Water doesn't wash away sin, but it is a picture of the cleaning our hearts desperately need!*

*Let's finish reading. **Read verses 29-34.***

²⁹ "And it shall be a statute to you forever that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict yourselves and shall do no work, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you.³⁰ For on this day shall atonement be made for you to



cleanse you. You shall be clean before the LORD from all your sins. ³¹ It is a Sabbath of solemn rest to you, and you shall afflict yourselves; it is a statute forever. ³² And the priest who is anointed and consecrated as priest in his father's place shall make atonement, wearing the holy linen garments. ³³ He shall make atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. ³⁴ And this shall be a statute forever for you, that atonement may be made for the people of Israel once in the year because of all their sins." And Aaron did as the LORD commanded Moses.

Discussion: *The ANOINTED priests made the ATONEMENT every year for the sins of the people. Why every year? **Allow answers.** Because we continue to sin!*

Conclusion: *But guess what? We have a better Day of Atonement. Our Day of Atonement came when Jesus died on the cross for our sins. He is that GOAT that died as a sin offering. He is the GOAT who had the sins of the people put on its head. He is the GOAT who takes our sins far, far away. We don't have to have a Day of Atonement every year because Jesus ATONED for our sins once and for all!*



SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Read the Scripture Memory verse (Psalm 28:8) together.

Psalm 28:8 (ESV)

⁸ The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Say: *Again, this is such a great verse because it says that God saves His ANOINTED ones. Who are God's ANOINTED ones? All who put their faith in Jesus are special. Since there are no more priests, His ANOINTED are all who belong to Jesus! His ANOINTED are ATONED for by the blood of Christ!*

Review the verse. Close in prayer.

LESSON 3: FIRE, MANNA, AND QUAIL

LESSON SCHEDULE

INTRODUCTION

What sin deserves

2-3 min.

QUIZ TIME

The Day of Atonement

3-4 min.

W.O.W!

Anoint

2-3 min.

BIBLE INVESTIGATION

Fire, manna, and quail

10-12 min.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Psalms 28:8

3-4 min.



INTRODUCTION

Say: *What is another name for our SINFUL NATURE? [Original sin.] We call it original sin to remind us that we all sinned when our first parents sinned. Can anyone go to heaven with this sinful nature? [No!]*

So what does our sin deserve? [The wrath of God.] Yes, we all deserve God's anger for our sin because He is holy and sinless. This is very bad news. We need someone to take our sin away, don't we? Who can take our sin so that we are fit for heaven? Only Jesus can!



QUIZ TIME

Now let's have our regular QUIZ TIME so we can remember what we have learned in the past. Are you ready?

Today's questions: *How often did the Israelites celebrate the Day of Atonement? How many goats were needed for the Day of Atonement? What happened to the first goat? What happened to the second goat? Which goat is a picture of Jesus?*

Answers:

1. Once every year.
2. Two.
3. It was killed as a sin offering.
4. The priests put the sins of Israel on its head and it was sent far, far away.
5. Both of them!

Say: *Do we celebrate the Day of Atonement today? No! Why not? [Because Jesus has atoned for our sins.] Jesus died once and for all to cover our sins!*



W.O.W!

Say: Who remembers our most recent Word of the Week? Our W.O.W! (Word of the Week) this week is ANOINT. **Write the word on the board.**

Who were ANOINTED in the Book of Leviticus? [The priests.] To ANOINT is to rub or smear special oil on someone to set him apart for holy work. Remember, even the tabernacle was ANOINTED as God's holy place.

In the Greek language, the word ANOINT is the same word as what word? [CHRIST.] So, Jesus Christ's name really means: Jesus the ANOINTED one! Jesus was set apart by God to do a very special work—the work of dying on the cross for our sins! He was ANOINTED to ATONE!



BIBLE INVESTIGATION

Introduction: The Israelites have been at Mount Sinai all of this time since being delivered from Egypt. They have received the Law of God. They have built the tabernacle. They have learned how to worship God and offer sacrifices for sin. Now it's time to continue their journey to the Promised Land! Will they trust God and obey Him as His covenant people?

Let's read and find out. **Read Numbers 11:1.**

¹ And the people complained in the hearing of the LORD about their misfortunes, and when the LORD heard it, his anger was kindled, and the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed some outlying parts of the camp.

Discussion: Remember that God's people have grumbled and complained before, haven't they? What are they complaining about now? [Their misfortunes.] Do they really have anything to complain about? No way! The LORD is with them. The LORD has given them everything they need! So, what did God do about their complaining? [Sent a fire from heaven.]

Application: Just as we have learned, our sin deserves the fiery wrath of God!



Let's read more of the story. **Read verses 2-3.**

² Then the people cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to the LORD, and the fire died down. ³ So the name of that place was called Taberah, because the fire of the LORD burned among them.

Discussion: *Why did the fire of the LORD die down? [Because Moses prayed to the LORD.] Moses acted as a mediator, asking the LORD to forgive His complaining people.*

Listen to more. **Read verses 4-6.**

⁴ Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat!" ⁵ We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶ But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Discussion: *Why were the people complaining again? [They wanted meat to eat.] Remember, God sent manna, or bread, from heaven every day to feed His people. Did they have to pay for this bread from heaven? [No.] Did they have to work to find it? [No.] So they were just bored with it and wanted something else. Does this sound like you and me?*

Listen to the description of this bread. **Read verses 7-9.**

⁷ Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance like that of bdellium. ⁸ The people went about and gathered it and ground it in handmills or beat it in mortars and boiled it in pots and made cakes of it. And the taste of it was like the taste of cakes baked with oil. ⁹ When the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell with it.

Discussion: *That sounds pretty good to me! But our sinful hearts often long for something else, something more. How should have the people responded to the LORD? [With thankfulness.]*

Let's keep reading. **Read verses 11-13.**

¹¹ Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me?" ¹² Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers?" ¹³ Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.'



Discussion: *Even Moses was complaining against the LORD! He was fed up with this grumbling people. What will the LORD do?*

*Listen to the end of the story. **Read verses 31-33.***

³¹ Then a wind from the LORD sprang up, and it brought quail from the sea and let them fall beside the camp, about a day's journey on this side and a day's journey on the other side, around the camp, and about two cubits above the ground. ³² And the people rose all that day and all night and all the next day, and gathered the quail. Those who gathered least gathered ten homers. And they spread them out for themselves all around the camp. ³³ While the meat was yet between their teeth, before it was consumed, the anger of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD struck down the people with a very great plague.

Conclusion: *Did God give the complaining people what they wanted? Yes! They received a TON of quail to eat. But what else happened to the Israelites who complained? [They were struck with a plague while still eating.] Our sinful complaining hearts deserve the wrath of God—and death! We need a Savior who can change our hearts, don't we?*



SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Read the Scripture Memory verse (Psalm 28:8) together.

Psalm 28:8 (ESV)

⁸ The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Say: *The Israelites were very weak people, just like us. They complained about everything, just like us. They needed a Savior—and so do we. We need the ANOINTED one, Jesus Christ. He is our refuge and our strength!*

Review the verse. Close in prayer.

LESSON 4: MIRIAM AND AARON OPPOSE GOD

LESSON SCHEDULE

INTRODUCTION

What my sins need

2-3 min.

QUIZ TIME

Fire, manna, and quail

3-4 min.

W.O.W!

Anoint

2-3 min.

BIBLE INVESTIGATION

Miriam and Aaron oppose

God

10-12 min.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Psalm 28:8

3-4 min.



INTRODUCTION

Say: *All week, we have been talking about our sinful natures. What is our sinful nature called? [Original sin.] Can anyone with a sinful nature go to heaven? [No.] Why not? [Because our sin deserves the wrath and curse of God.]*

So if our sin deserves God's wrath, what do our sins need? [They need to be forgiven.] We need our sins forgiven and ATONED for. Who alone can forgive our sins? [Jesus.] When you put your faith in Jesus, your sinful nature is cleansed and forgiven!



QUIZ TIME

Now let's have our regular QUIZ TIME so we can remember what we have learned in the past. Are you ready?

Today's questions: *Why did the LORD send fire from heaven? What were they complaining about? Where did the manna come from? What did God give them to eat? What happened to the complainers when they were still eating the quail?*

Answers:

1. Because His people were complaining.
2. They were tired of eating manna.
3. It was bread from heaven.
4. Quail.
5. They died from a plague.

Say: *Are you and I like those complaining Israelites? Yes! We grumble and complain all the time. Do you know that your complaining deserves God's anger all the time? That's why you and I need a Savior!*



W.O.W!

Say: Who remembers our Word of the Week? Our W.O.W! (Word of the Week) this week is **ANOINT**. Write the word on the board.

Who were ANOINTED in the Book of Leviticus? [The priests.] To ANOINT is to rub or smear special oil on someone to set him apart for holy work. Remember, even the tabernacle was ANOINTED as God's holy place. And, Moses was God's ANOINTED leader too.

Whose name means ANOINTED ONE? [Christ.] Why did we need Jesus as our ANOINTED ONE? [So He could sacrifice His life for His people.] Jesus had the most important job of saving His people from their sins.



BIBLE INVESTIGATION

Introduction: God's complaining people have been punished for their sins. Yet God continues to provide for them out of His great love and mercy. We will pick up our story in Numbers 12.

Listen closely. **Read Numbers 12:1-2.**

¹ Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married, for he had married a Cushite woman. ² And they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has he not spoken through us also?" And the LORD heard it.

Discussion: Who are Miriam and Aaron? [Moses' sister and brother.] Why were they complaining about Moses? [Because he had married a Cushite woman.] They may have been upset about Moses' wife, but they ended up dishonoring Moses as a prophet. Who had made Moses His prophet? [The LORD.]

Let's keep reading. **Read verses 3-5.**

³ Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth. ⁴ And suddenly the LORD said to Moses and to Aaron and Miriam, "Come out, you three, to the tent of meeting." And the three of them came out. ⁵ And the LORD came down in a pillar



of cloud and stood at the entrance of the tent and called Aaron and Miriam, and they both came forward.

Discussion: *Remember, Moses was God’s ANOINTED prophet, sent to lead His people. But Aaron was also God’s ANOINTED high priest. According to these verses, what’s the difference between Moses and Aaron? [Moses was meek and humble, while Aaron was proud.] So God is going to speak to them about this problem, isn’t He?*

*Listen to what God says. **Read verses 6-8.***

⁶ And he said, “Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the LORD make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream. ⁷ Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house. ⁸ With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?”

Discussion: *Do you understand what the LORD is saying to Aaron and Miriam? Moses is not just a prophet—he is much more! A prophet in Israel hears from the LORD in a dream or vision. Remember that Moses spoke with God face to face on Mount Sinai! Moses is God’s ANOINTED leader! So, why would Aaron and Miriam be so foolish to disrespect God’s leader? Is that a good idea? No way!*

*Let’s continue the story. **Read verses 9-10.***

⁹ And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them, and he departed. ¹⁰ When the cloud removed from over the tent, behold, Miriam was leprous, like snow. And Aaron turned toward Miriam, and behold, she was leprous.

Discussion: *What does every sin deserve? [The wrath and curse of God.] Miriam and Aaron were not just opposing Moses—they were opposing God. Why? Because Moses was chosen by God to be their leader! So, what happened to Miriam? [She was struck with leprosy.] Leprosy was a horrible, skin-eating disease that covered the whole body. This was her consequence for rebelling against God! We find out that Aaron is punished later on for this rebellion too.*

*So listen to what happens next. **Read verses 11-13.***

¹¹ And Aaron said to Moses, “Oh, my lord, do not punish us because we have done foolishly and have sinned. ¹² Let her not be



as one dead, whose flesh is half eaten away when he comes out of his mother's womb." ¹³ And Moses cried to the LORD, "O God, please heal her—please."

Discussion: *Even though Miriam and Aaron opposed and rebelled against Moses, Moses still prayed for Miriam's healing. Moses was showing God's mercy and grace, wasn't he? He's a picture of the work of Jesus Christ in our lives!*

Listen to the end of the story. Read verses 14-16.

¹⁴ But the LORD said to Moses, "If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be shamed seven days? Let her be shut outside the camp seven days, and after that she may be brought in again." ¹⁵ So Miriam was shut outside the camp seven days, and the people did not set out on the march till Miriam was brought in again. ¹⁶ After that the people set out from Hazeroth, and camped in the wilderness of Paran.

Conclusion: *Even though Miriam was healed, she still had to be outside the camp for a week. Our sin has consequences, boys and girls. When we oppose God's ANOINTED, we oppose God Himself. Who is God's ANOINTED ONE? Jesus Christ! So when we refuse to follow Jesus, we rebel against God!*



SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Read the Scripture Memory verse (Psalm 28:8) together.

Psalm 28:8 (ESV)

⁸ The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Say: *As we have said all week, Jesus is God's ANOINTED one who is our Savior and strength. When you and I submit to Jesus, we too are God's ANOINTED people—called to be holy and special to Him. Enjoy that good news today!*

Review the verse. Close in prayer.