

# Family Worship Guide

## Week 27

### Read

Choose someone from the family to read the Scripture passage below. Leviticus is somewhat challenging reading, so it may not be best for a beginning reader.

#### **Leviticus 1**

### Questions

**1. We just read the first chapter of the book of Leviticus. There are a lot of unusual things in this chapter. What did you hear that sounded strange, weird, or even gross?**

Listen to the responses.

**2. In the first seven chapters of Leviticus, God gives the Israelites detailed instructions on how they are to worship Him. Specifically, God explains to them how they should confess their sins by offering sacrifices.**

**Why do you think that God told the people that an animal's blood should be shed when they confessed their sins?**

The sacrificial system in the Old Testament was carefully designed by God to give the people a constant reminder

that the fair punishment for sin is death (Romans 6:23), and that there is no forgiveness of sins without the shedding of blood (Hebrews 9:22).

**3. According to verse 3, what kind of animal was to be sacrificed for this kind of burnt offering? What do you think this means?**

The animal was to be a male, and it was to be a strong, healthy animal (without defect). The entire sacrificial system points to Jesus, the final sacrifice. Jesus was a man, and was perfect because He was without sin.

**4. According to verse 4, what was the person who was offering the sacrifice supposed to do? What do you think this means?**

The person making the sacrifice was to put his hand on the animal's head. This was a symbol of the person's sins passing to the animal, and the animal would then be accepted "on his behalf" as a substitute for him. The animal would die - so the person would not have to.

**5. Let me show you how this sacrificial system points to Jesus. Would someone please read Hebrews 7:27? After we hear that verse, can someone explain to us what it means?**

In this Old Testament sacrificial system, people and priests had to make sacrifices over and over again. The blood of animals can not *really* take away our sins. Only the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ can accomplish complete forgiveness for us. This is why it says that Jesus sacrificed Himself "once for all" - this is why no

more animal sacrifices are necessary.

## Praise

Praise God for giving us:

Himself

Grace and Mercy

Salvation

Our family

Our church family

What has God done in our family this week that we can give him praise?

## Pray

Use the ACTS model (Example below.)

- ADORATION – “He keeps His promises.”
- CONFESSION – “Confess times when we have not obeyed”
- THANKSGIVING – “How has God been faithful to your family?”
- SUPPLICATION – “God encourages us to bring all of our needs and burdens to Him.”
- Pray that we will live obediently to God’s Word.
- Pray for your neighbors by name! Pray that God will bless them!
- Pray for our Kathy Perry, Missionary in the Ireland. Please pray for her leadership. Pray for her ministry! Pray for her protection.

## Memorize

“He is to lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him.”

- **Leviticus 1:4**

## Digging Deeper

(Optional activities)

### Kids Fun

Supplies needed: an area of the house or room that you can use as a “prison.”

**To start our family worship time today, I have a challenge for the kids. It begins with bad news. In just a moment, I am going to put you in prison.**

Explain what part of the room or house you have designated as the prison. Use pillows, blankets or furniture to clearly mark the “prison” area. Don’t actually lock kids in rooms.

**Once I put you in prison, you will have a choice. You can stay there...for the rest of your life...or you can be free. Which of these options would you prefer?** Hopefully, children will choose the “go free” option.

**OK, it is time to put you in prison. In case you are wondering why you are going to prison, the answer is because you have sinned. Is there anyone here who has never sinned? No one? OK, then off to prison for all of you.**

Once all children are in the pretend prison...

**If you want to be free, you will have to follow my instructions exactly. If you don't follow the instructions, or don't do them exactly as I say them, you cannot be allowed to go free. Are you ready? Are you listening? First, you need to lay flat on the ground. You must lay perfectly still, without talking for one minute. Do that now.** Wait for kids to complete the instruction. Those who don't do it, will not be allowed to leave.

**Now, everyone needs to sing, outloud, the happy birthday song. You should sing it to yourself. Happy birthday to me, happy birthday to me, etc. You may do that now.** Wait for kids to complete the instruction.

**Here is your last instruction. If you do this exactly as I say, you can go free. You may all leave the jail, and I want you to bring to me something that is very special to you...something that belongs to you. If what you bring is good enough, you can go free.** Wait for kids to bring you their special offering. If they bring something of value to them, allow them to go free.

**Great job, everyone. In order to be freed from the prison, you had to do things exactly the way I told you to do them. In a few moments, we are going to learn about a principle in the Bible that is a lot like this.**

## For Teens

**1. As we read chapter 1 of Leviticus, God gave the people incredibly detailed instructions for how they were to perform this sacrifice. The next six chapters are filled with more instructions about other kinds of sacrifices. What does this tell us about God that He would be so particular in telling the Israelites how to do this?**

Not only does God want us to worship Him, but He wants us to worship Him His way. God is the King, and He tells us how we can approach Him and have a relationship with Him. God and God alone determines what is holy and what is right. We have to choose whether we believe this or not.

**2. God chose to fill many chapters of the Old Testament with instructions about making sacrifices for the forgiveness of sins. Understanding these patterns is essential to understand what Jesus truly did for us on the cross and through His resurrection. Read Hebrews 10:11-22 and look for principles and patterns that relate back to these Old Testament sacrifices.**

Jesus, the ultimate priest, sacrificed Himself, once for all. His sacrifice was perfect, and therefore no other sacrifices are needed. His sacrifice enables those who repent and believe to enter into the "holy of holies" - into a personal relationship with God the Father.