

## Unit 6, Session 3: Rules for Sacrifice

The tabernacle was complete. God now had a place where His glory could dwell without causing the Israelites to fear death. God had given His people laws from the mountain, and He gave them more rules for living and worshiping Him in the tabernacle. These rules are recorded in the Book of Leviticus. The reasoning behind Leviticus can be found in Leviticus 19:2: “Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.”

**The sacrifices God required of His people were a hint of what God was going to do to forgive sinners. We no longer need to offer sacrifices because we trust in Jesus. Jesus offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice that takes away our sin once and for all.**

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### Activity- Set things right

Ask the kids in your group to close their eyes. While they are not looking, move one object in the room from its usual place to somewhere more conspicuous and obviously out of place. Tell the kids to open their eyes and then track how long it takes them to find the object that is out of place. Encourage them to make it right by returning it where it belongs.

**SAY** • It was obvious that something in the room wasn't right. When we have sin in our lives, we are not right with God or one another. In the Old Testament, before Jesus came, people had to follow specific rules of sacrifice to set their lives right. Today we will learn about many of the rules the people had to follow when dealing with their sin.

### Bible Story Discussion Questions:

1. What could God's people give to Him as offerings? (*animals or grain, Lev. 1–3*)
2. What were offerings used for? (*praising God or dealing with sin, Lev. 1–4*)
3. What purpose did the two goats serve on the Day of Atonement? (*One was killed for the people's sin, the other sent into the wilderness to represent the sin being carried away; Lev. 16*)
4. Why was the Day of Atonement so important? *Guide kids to discuss the Israelites' need to be made right with God. Talk about their sin and how it separated them from God. Remind them that the Day of Atonement was God's way of dealing with sin before Jesus came.*
5. Why don't we still have a Day of Atonement? *Talk about what Jesus accomplished on the cross. Remind them that His death was the one, perfect sacrifice to pay for sin forever. Remind the kids that we no longer need a scapegoat. When we trust in Jesus, He forgives us and removes our sin.*
6. How are the offerings Christians give similar to the offerings the Israelites gave? How are they different? *Guide kids to discuss that Christians can still give resources—money, food, clothing, time, talents, and so forth—as a way to serve the church and glorify God. Discuss the fact that we no longer need to give sin offerings, because Jesus died for our sins.*

### Questions From Kids Video Question:

As believers, how should what we do, think, and say look different from people who don't know Jesus?