

**BIG TRUTH: WE REJECT GOD'S HOLINESS**

Isaiah 30:8-11; Matthew 11:20-24; Luke 10:11-13; John 1:9-11; 3:19-20; 8:12-30; 8:42-47; 15:18-20; Romans 1:32

**BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 1:19-20**

*"For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse."*

**BIG IDEAS**

- God is holy.
- God's holiness is on display and visible to us through creation.
- Sin is an intentional and willful rejection of a holy God for lesser things.
- We pursue sin instead of holiness.

**BIBLE STORY: LEVITICUS 6:8-18; 9:22-10:7**

God instructed His people how to offer the burnt offering to Him. The fire on the altar for the burnt offering was to burn continually and required special handling. Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, did not follow God's commands, but attempted to make an offering their own way. God killed them instantly by burning them with the fire from the altar. God's holiness will not be violated.

**STORY: FALL**

Everything was perfect in the world until we broke it. When humanity chose to sin, the world that was once perfect became messed up and broken. Sin is ultimately a rejection of God Himself. Because of sin bad things happen, we experience all types of pain, and death has come into the world. All of creation groans and wishes that the world be perfect and good like it was before.

**BIG AIMS****Every child should know that:**

- Our sin is a rejection of God's plans and purposes

**Every child should feel:**

- Sorrowful over their tendency to elevate their plans over God's plans

**Every child should:**

- Repent of their rejection of God

**Every child should want:**

- To faithfully follow God's plan and purposes for their lives

**HOLINESS VIOLATED**

As a family, conduct a word study of the word "holiness". After you define the word, use magazines and newspapers to create a collage that shows what holiness means. Remind your child that God is holy and we reject His holiness. We pursue our sin instead of pursuing His holiness.

**DISCOVER IT:** *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

Leviticus 6:8-18; 9:22-10:7.

**THINK ABOUT IT:** *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

God told Moses the rules that His people should follow when they made offerings and sacrifices to Him. God also assigned men to be priests to oversee the sacrifices for the people. Moses' brother, Aaron was one of the priests. Aaron prepared the burnt offering, which was a special offering that was made twice a day. The fire used for the burnt offering was supposed to burn always. Aaron made the burnt offering and God showed His approval of it by sending fire to consume it. God also showed the people His glory. The people shouted and fell on their faces because they had seen God's glory. Aaron's two sons, Nadab and Abihu rejected God's glory and His holiness. They each took a censer and put fire in it. They also put incense in it and offered the fire to the Lord. They did not follow God's rules for offering fire and sacrifices. God sent a fire to consume Nadab and Abihu. They both died before the Lord. Man is like Nadab and Abihu. We see God's glory all around us, yet we reject it. We see God's holiness and we still choose to pursue our own sin instead of God's holiness.

**TALK ABOUT IT:** *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- What rules did God give His people concerning offerings and sacrifices? (He told them how they should make offerings and who could make offerings and sacrifices.)
- How did God reveal His glory to His people? (He sent fire to consume the sacrifice.)
- How did Nadab and Abihu reject God's glory and holiness? (They offered fire according to their own rules and rejected God's rules.)



As a family, memorize Romans 1:19-20. Talk about how even though God has revealed His holiness to us, in our sin we reject Him.



Spend a night watching the stars. Ask your child to count the number of stars that he can see. Point out different planets that can be seen. Remind your child that God's holiness and glory are revealed in creation. Help your child see how creation shows us God's holiness.



During meal times this week, ask your child to name something that people choose over God's holiness, such as making ourselves happy by pleasing ourselves. Remind your child that we do not pursue God's holiness; we pursue our sin instead.



Spend some time as a family praying and thanking God for revealing His holiness to us.