

Lesson 12: Aaron and His Sons Nadab and Abihu

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Study the book of Leviticus and the event of Nadab and Abihu's disobedience to God
- 2) See the consequences of not obeying God and its effects on not just us but our family.

Supplies:

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Bible(s)
- Markers/Pencil Crayons
- Pens/Pencils
- Attendance Chart (See Template)
- Stickers for Attendance
- Nadab and Abihu – Activity Page – one per child

Optional:

Let students choose one of the following to complete

- Aaron and His Sons Color Page – one per child
- Aaron and His Sons Crossword – one per child

Snack:

- Carrots and Red Peppers Slice (to represent Fire) 4 per child
- Napkins for snack one per child
- Juice or water and cup one per child

Lesson:

1) Introduction to Lesson

2-5 minutes

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming.

Take attendance (using attendance chart supplied). Once children are seated say:

Does anyone remember what we studied last week? We finished Exodus and did a review on all that happened in the book of Exodus and the life of Moses.

This week we are going to continue studying the life of Moses and the Israelites in the next book in the Old Testament – the book of Leviticus. Leviticus is the third book of the Old Testament and it contains the Levitical law and rules for the priests and Israelites. The first 9 chapters review and give laws the Israelites – specifically the priests, were to obey and how they were to conduct the offerings made to the Lord for the Israelites. We are going to start in Leviticus 8-10 and see how Aaron and his sons were to be priests for the Israelites.

2) Leviticus 10 – Nadab and Abihu and Their Disobedience to God

15 minutes

Ask children to get their Bibles and turn to **Leviticus 8:1-4 and 36**. Ask for a volunteer to read from **Leviticus 8:1-4 and 36** or read yourself. After you have finished the reading, say:

Who did God ask to assemble at the Tent of Meeting? Aaron and his sons. Aaron had four sons.

Did they obey? Yes, they did everything the Lord commanded in verse 36.

Read Leviticus 9:22-10:7

Say: God chose Aaron's family to be priests. Their job was to offer sacrifices and to take care of the tabernacle of God. They were to teach the people that God is holy.

The priests were the only ones who could go into the tabernacle. One part of the tabernacle was called the Holy of Holies and only the High Priest could go inside that part. And he could

only do it one time all year. That's because it was God's special holy place. That's how holy it was.

When Moses had finished telling the people all of the rules for God' holy place and for sacrifices, he did something very special. God showed the people that He was in the Holy of Holies. God made fire and smoke appear there. God was there and the fire was there but the tabernacle did not burn up. The only things that burned up were the sacrifices offered by the priests.

Vocabulary

- **Incense:** a mixture that gives off a nice-smelling smoke when burned
- **Holy:** set apart, special, dedicated to God

How did Nadab and Abihu fail to regard God as holy? They disobeyed His command and burned fire that He did not ask for; they did not respect His holiness.

How should they have glorified Him before the people? They should have done what He asked and respected His commands.

What was the consequence of their disobedience for their dad? He lost his two sons and was extremely sad and probably embarrassed and upset that they disobeyed God.

What was the consequence of their disobedience for their two surviving brothers? They had to continue without them, and they could not grieve the loss of their brothers.

What was the consequence of their disobedience for the two cousins? They had to remove their bodies and that would probably make them very sad and upset.

What was the consequence of their disobedience for themselves? They died and in a dishonorable way – displeasing the Lord God Almighty!

Let's say your mom asks you to go to the store and buy milk and eggs. And, you go to the store and buy milk, eggs, and chocolate chip cookies. Do you think your mom will be happy with you? Why? Even though you got the milk and eggs, you did not get permission for and your mom did not ask you to get chocolate chip cookies. She would be upset that you did not obey her. She asked for two items, not three. In cases like this, doing more than was asked is disobedience. Just like in the case of Nadab and Abihu.

How do people disobey God today? Not reading the Bible, not following the Bible, treating God as common instead of Holy by not respecting that He alone is God and created the universe and all in it, not attending church regularly, etc.

How can we make sure we obey God? Read and follow the Bible! Pray to God for guidance! Go to church services and learn how to please God!

3) Nadab and Abihu Activity Sheet

10-15 minutes

Hand out the Nadab and Abihu Color sheet along with crayons and have the kids write their name on the page. Allow the kids time to color and then read the True or False Questions at the bottom of the page and discussion questions and answers. When done, have kids help clean up crayons, thank them for helping to answer the questions and move on to the next activity.

Answer to True and False:

F – Nadab and Abihu

F- They died by fire from God

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F – They did what was contrary to his command; meaning He had previously told them His command concerning how to offer incense and where to get the fire and when.

F – God asks us to glorify Him in specific ways in the New Testament – we would be wise to obey Him.

4) Optional: Allow students to choose one of the following activities to complete Aaron and His Sons Color Page or Crossword 15-20 minutes

For those who do color page: Hand out one page to each child along with markers or pencil crayons. Explain that they are going to color the page of Aaron being left without his two sons after they disobeyed God and were destroyed for offering unauthorized fire before Him.

For those who do crossword: Hand out crossword with a pencil. Read the instructions aloud and read each sentence aloud, you can do the sheet together for those who might not be able to read well or let them do it on their own. Go around the room helping students if needed and remind them they can turn to Leviticus 10 for help!

Answers: Across 2: Abihu 3: Censers 4: Nadab 5: Unauthorized 6: Incense
Down 1: Fire 3: Consumed 8: Died

5) Optional – Snack: Carrots and Red Pepper Slices 5 minutes

Hand out a few pieces of carrots and red peppers to each child along with a glass of water or juice to each child. Ask the children: What color is fire? Yellow, Red, Orange, Blue, Purple sometimes..... depending how hot. Say that **today to help us remember that Aaron’s sons were disobedient we are going to eat orange and red vegetables that represent the fire that the Lord used to consume Nadab and Abihu because of their disobedience in offering unauthorized fire before the Lord. Let’s remember that God is Holy and Almighty. If He wants something done a certain way – we should lovingly obey because He loves and takes care of us. We shouldn’t change what He says to do – we have no right or authority to change anything God has said in the Bible. If we want to be blessed and happy we need to obey Him. Let’s remember that as we eat our snack.** Provide a napkin for children to clean their hands. Discuss any questions while snacking.

6) Optional – Songs 5 minutes

Have children sing songs with you; choose from songs from your Hymn book. Examples might be:

Holy, Holy, Holy
I Love the Lord
Oh, How I Love Jesus
Trust and Obey

7) Close in prayer

*If desired, ask the children if they have any prayer requests and write them down to help you remember. Then ask all children to bow their heads and fold their hands to pray.

Thank God that He provides us His Word the Bible. We pray that we will always want to follow Your Holy commands and treat You and Your wishes with respect and fear. Help us not to be like Nadab and Abihu who disobeyed and made You angry. Help us to know how to please You Lord, by studying Your Holy Word. Help us to remember to be kind and loving to others, to tell others about You and Your Son, and we pray that you will help keep our lives free from sin. In Jesus precious and holy name, Amen.