

Lesson 14: I Should Be Holy Too!

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Discuss holiness and verses that talk about our need to be holy
- 2) Study the Unmerciful Servant and see what Jesus says about our need to be merciful
- 3) Do activities that remind us of our need to show mercy and be merciful to others.

Supplies: Coordinator will ensure these supplies are already in your room.

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Bible(s)
- Markers/Pencil Crayons
- Pens/Pencils
- Attendance Chart (See Template from previous week)
- Stickers for Attendance
- I Should Be Holy Activity Sheet – one per child (there are two on a page)
- Nadab and Abihu – Consequences of Being Unholy Color Page – one per child
- Coin
- Glass Jar with Lid (no labels on it)
- Jug or container with water in it to pour into Jar
- Flashlight
- Piece of Cardboard or Pillow (to block light from flashlight)

Optional:

- Bee Holy Word Search – one per child

Snack:

- Swiss Cheese and/or Donuts one or so per child
- Napkins for snack one per child
- Juice or water and cup one per child

1) Introduction to Lesson – Discussion on Holiness 10-15 minutes

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

Take attendance and let each child put a sticker beside their name for this week. Once children are seated say, **“Last week we learned another characteristic about God – can anyone raise their hand and tell me what we learned so far about God?”** (Have children raise hands and answer – God is love, God is worthy of praise, God is faithful, God is fair and just, God provides, God is merciful and God is holy)

Last week we learned that God is holy. Just as a reminder what does holy mean? (Allow kids to raise hands and allow for answers, example: perfect, sinless, pure, clean, set apart.)

This week we are going to learn that just like God is holy we should be holy too!

Let’s turn to our Bible and read from 1 Peter 1:15-16.

1 Peter 1:15-16

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

Who is Holy? (God)

And what does he want us to do? (Be holy too.)

The word holy means pure, without impurities or defects. It also means free from all wrong doing or sin. In the case of God it means that God is absolutely sinless and He is morally perfect. It also means that God will have nothing to do with evil and He himself cannot be tempted by evil or be near it because He is holy. That means if we want to have a relationship with God we too must be holy. Thanks to Jesus dying on the cross and removing our sins when we are baptized, we can be holy in the presence of God too if we follow Him!

NOTE: Have a flashlight and a pillow or board handy for this lesson.

**Have you ever done something wrong and then hoped no one would find out?
Let's turn to our bibles and read**

John 8:12.

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow Me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

Do you know what happens when we sin after we accept Jesus into our lives and are baptized? (Those sins are paid for.) However, they become a problem in our relationship with God.

Let's have some fun and see what this might be like.



NOTE: Pull out the flashlight and put someone in charge of the light switch. Turn out the lights and turn on the flashlight.

If we pretend that Jesus is the light from the flashlight, and the pillow or board is our sin, what happens to the light when we sin? (Block the light with the pillow or board.) What do we need to do to make sure the light is shining bright? Take away the "block." Our sin blocks Jesus' light in our lives. To take away the block, we must confess our sins and follow Jesus. Confession is simple but not always easy.

- 1. First, tell God about the sin**
- 2. Then, let Him know you're sorry**
- 3. Last, pray that you will not do that sin again and mean it!**

Read 1 John 1:9

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If we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

Isn't that a great promise? There's one more important step. Let God know you will do your best not to do the sin again. This is called "repentance." But guess what? God doesn't expect you to do it alone! He promises to help you. God sent His Holy Spirit to help us when we are baptized! So we can be holy to God too! When we follow his word and seek forgiveness and confess when we sin!

Read Ephesians 5:8-9

For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.

When we accept Jesus' sacrifice and He washes away the darkness of our sin, what are we to be full of? (His light.)

What does His light produce? (What is good, and right, and true.)

When we do something mean or sinful, it is never from God. God never produces darkness.

Because God is Holy, Perfect, and Clean, His light drives out darkness, and because He washed away our sins, His light shines out from us. We should be holy like God is holy. If we follow him we can be!

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

2) How God Sees Us Experiment

5 minutes

To Show how God sees us as Holy because of him.

"Total Reflection"

This is a situation where 'light waves' are reflected in all directions so that you can no longer see a specific object at all. Try this experiment: Put a coin on a table. Now set a clear jar on top of the coin right side up. Pour pure, clean water into the jar and put the lid on. The coin will seem to have disappeared. No matter how hard you try to look through the water, it's as if the coin is not there. That's what happens when God makes us "pure and clean." He no longer 'sees' our sin and we can enjoy our relationship with Him.

We should strive to be holy, but it is only because of Jesus dying on the cross and allowing our sins to be forgiven when we are baptized that are sins are no longer noticed by God and we remain holy!

3) I Should Be Holy Activity and Coloring

10 minutes

Hand out a sheet to each child along with a pencil, have the children write their names on the page. go through the list as a group and read the choices aloud so everyone can understand. When done, allow the kids to color the bottom of the page if desired and hand out crayons. Remind students that the goal is to be holy and do things that would please God because He is holy too!

Which of the following will help you to be holy?

Check the ones you think will help.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pray every day | <input type="checkbox"/> Be mean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be a kind friend | <input type="checkbox"/> Obey your parents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Play at school | <input type="checkbox"/> Obey God |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be nice to smaller kids | <input type="checkbox"/> Read the Bible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watch TV | <input type="checkbox"/> Look cool |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go to church | <input type="checkbox"/> Help the poor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Bible School | <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buy lots of toys | <input type="checkbox"/> Cry when I don't get my way |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thank others | <input type="checkbox"/> Be honest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help your parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Love God |

4) Story: Consequences of Being Unholy – Nadab and Abihu

15-20 minutes

Let's turn to our Bibles and read a story of people who were taught to be holy and had a special job that was to show people the holiness of God, but chose to not be holy and be disrespectful to God instead. Let's turn to the Old Testament and read Leviticus 10:1-5.

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's 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 Him.)

How do people today fail to treat or regard God as holy? (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. etc.)

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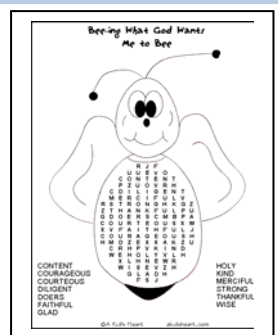
F – They did what was contrary to his command meaning he had previously told them his command concerning how to offer incense and where to get the fire and when.

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5) Optional: Bee Holy Word Search

10-15 minutes

Hand out Word Search and pencils to every child and have them write their name on the page. Read the words of the word search aloud so all children can understand the words being looked up. Tell them the words can be found: left, right, up, down, backwards, forwards, or diagonal.



6) Optional – Snack : Swiss Cheese and/or Donuts

5 minutes

Hand out one snack along with a glass of water or juice to each child. Have a napkin for children to clean their hands. **“What does Swiss cheese/or Donuts, have to do with our lesson today? (They are H-o-l-e-y too! “ ☺)**

Discuss questions and examples of how God is holy while snacking!

7) Optional: Songs

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the crystal sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.
Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Sanctuary

Chorus:

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

It is you, Lord
Who came to save
The heart and soul
Of every man
It is you Lord
who knows my weakness
Who gives me strength,
With thine own hand.

Chorus

Lead Me on Lord
From temptation
Purify me
From within
Fill my heart with
Your holy spirit
Take away all my sin

Chorus

8) Close in prayer

Thank you God for being clean, pure, and free from sin. Thank you that we have you and your Son Jesus as examples. We pray that we can look to you and your holiness and pray that you will help us to live holy lives as well. Help us not to take your holiness for granted and worship you in a way that you did not ask for. Let us always turn to the Bible to know the way you want to be honored. In your Son's precious and holy name we pray, Amen.