

# Large Group

## Worship at the Tabernacle

**Bible Passage** | Exodus 16; 19; 26

**Memory Verse** | 1 Samuel 2:2

**Big Picture Question** | Why do people need to be saved?  
People are sinful and can't save themselves.



### Countdown Video (3 mins)

### Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.

### Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

### Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

### Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

God gave His people commandments to help them live in a way that showed they loved Him and others. But the people disobeyed God's commands and worshiped a golden calf. Still, God had promised He would be their God, and He was merciful to forgive their sin. God wanted to live among His people. So, God gave instructions for the people to build a tabernacle where God would dwell. But there was still a problem: God's people were still sinful. Today, we will see how God made a way for His people to be made clean of their sin.

## Today's Lesson

We learned that a sacrifice must be given for the forgiveness of sins. God's people, like all people, sinned continually. Throughout the year, they would offer sacrifices for their sins. But on one special day of the year, a special ceremony was held to show the forgiveness of the people's sins. What was the name of the special day? [Allow responses.] Only the high priest could go into the most holy place inside the tabernacle, and he could only go in once a year on the Day of Atonement. He had to wear special clothes and prepare himself before he could go in.

What two actions did the high priest perform with the two goats? [Allow responses.] First, the high priest sprinkled the blood of a goat on the mercy seat where God's presence was. The blood of the goat showed how sin must be punished and that God's punishment for sin was on the goat, not the people. Then the high priest released another goat into the wilderness. This goat showed that God removed the people's sins and would not remember them. The people had to do this every year! It was not a permanent forgiveness. However, we have a way to be forgiven forever through Jesus' once-and-for-all sacrifice. Jesus died on the cross, shed His blood, and took on sin so people can be forgiven forever.

**God commanded the Israelites to be holy and worship Him alone.** He gave His people many instructions for how to live, helping them to know what was right and wrong. God wanted His people to help the poor, treat others equally, and be fair. What did God say would happen if they obeyed His commands? [Allow responses.] If the people obeyed God's instructions, they would enjoy peace and happiness. But if they disobeyed, they would have punishment.

God instructed the Israelites to sacrifice animals to demonstrate the forgiveness and removal of sin. God gave His one and only Son, Jesus, as the perfect and final sacrifice for sin. Anyone who trusts in Jesus is forgiven of their sins and made clean forever.

**Gospel Discussion | We are all sinners who disobey God. Because of Jesus, we don't have to offer sacrifices for the forgiveness of our sin. Jesus paid the price for sin when He died on the cross. Those who trust in Jesus, the perfect and final sacrifice for sin, will be forgiven forever. If you haven't trusted Jesus as your Savior, I would love to talk with you more!**

## Read from the Bible (4 mins)

**Leviticus 16:2–10, 20–22; 19:9–18; 26:3–17, 40–42** (you are not obligated to read all of this, choose the parts that you prefer.)

## Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

## Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.