

WEEK 3

GOD IS HOLY

GOD COMMANDS US TO BE HOLY

PRIMARY LESSON GUIDE



THE FOUR KEYS

KEY VERSE

You shall be holy, for I, the Lord your God am holy. Leviticus 19:2b

KEY IDEAS

1. God desires for us to be holy as He is holy.
2. We cannot be holy without God.
3. We can be holy because Jesus makes us new.

KEY PASSAGE

1 Peter 1:13-16, 22-25

KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .

God desires for us to be holy as He is holy.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .

loved by Jesus who paid our sin debt so that we can be holy.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .

understand that it is Christ who makes us holy, not ourselves or our works.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .

to live “set apart” from the world.

INTRODUCTION

God is holy. This means that He is separate, or set apart, from all of creation. There is nothing else like Him in all of the universe and there is nothing that could ever compare to Him! He is complete and perfect in every way! God commanded His people to be "holy just as He is holy." God desires us to be holy because He desires for us to have perfect fellowship with Him. He is the giver of life and of every good thing. On our own, as sinners, we can never be holy, but God gave us His law to show us who He is and that we need Him. God's law shows us that it is only by His grace that we can be saved through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus on the cross for our sins.

OPENING ILLUSTRATION

Begin class by bringing in a shoe box with several random items (toothbrush, hairbrush, hand sanitizer, spoon, shoelace, etc.). One at a time, have children volunteer to wear a blindfold and identify a single item from the box using your instructions. Say, "Find me an item you would use to brush your teeth." After a few rounds, discuss with the class what each item is used for. Explain how each item has a specific purpose and say, "You wouldn't use a toothbrush to comb your hair." The same way that these items are used for specific purposes, God sets us apart as believers for a special purpose that He gives us. That's what it means to be holy.

STORY

Read 1 Peter 1:13-16, 22-25.

God desires for His children to be holy like Him because He desires for us to have perfect fellowship with Him! To be holy simply means to be "set apart" or "different" from the world. This means that we live our lives to please God and bring Him glory and not to satisfy the desires of our flesh and sin. God wants what is best for His children so He calls us to live in a way that brings life instead of death.

When we follow God and trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins, we are made new! When we follow God and obey Him, we become His children! God gives all His children a Helper. That's the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit helps us to live holy and please God. We do this by obeying His Word and walking in love, choosing to do what honors God above everything else with a grateful heart!

ACTIVITY

After the lesson, spend some time in discussion on what the word "holy" means and how we can live that way. What are some examples of what "holy" might look like? Write them on the board.

PRAYER

Thank God that He has a specific purpose for His children. Ask God to help you understand more about how we can live holy if we are in Christ and to help you desire to be "set apart" from the world.

SONG

10 Commandments by KidVue Songs

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Romans 12:2, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Corinthians 5:17, John 1:12

ACTIVITY

Take a piece of tin foil and explain to your child that you are going to work together to create an “impression” of his/her face. Ask your child to cover his/her face with the foil and help them mold the sheet to their face. Explain that God created us in His image to represent Him, meaning we have certain traits that are like His! Just like this tin foil impression isn’t you, but it looks like you, in the same way, we are NOT God, but we were created to be like Him and reflect what He is like. Next, explain to your child that you are going to show them what our sin does to the image that God created. Instruct your child to crumble up the foil. Our sin corrupts the image of God in us so that we do not look like Him. But God sent Jesus, His perfect image, to restore God’s image in us when we repent of sin and accept Him as Lord of our life. Then, when God looks at us, He no longer sees our sin but instead He sees His perfect Son.

DISCUSSION

- What does it mean to be holy?
Being “holy” means being “set apart” for God’s glory as an image bearer. Because of Jesus, our sin can be forgiven so that we can live holy and bring Him glory.
- Why is it important to be holy as God is holy?
If we love God, we will obey His commands. God commands us to live differently from the world because He knows what is best for us. He knows what brings us the most joy.

PRAYER

Thank God for creating us in His image and sending Jesus to forgive our sin so that we can live holy. Ask God to help you have a heart that desires to follow His laws more than your sin.