



Mustard Seed Children's Summary for July 19, 2009
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"Called to Serve"

Lesson Text: Leviticus 8:1-13.

Background Scripture: Leviticus 8:1-13.

Memory Verse: "[Moses] poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him" (Leviticus 8:12).

Leviticus 8:1-13

- 1** And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- 2** Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and a bullock for the sin offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread;
- 3** And gather thou all the congregation together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
- 4** And Moses did as the LORD commanded him; and the assembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
- 5** And Moses said unto the congregation, This is the thing which the LORD commanded to be done.
- 6** And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water.
- 7** And he put upon him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the curious girdle of the ephod, and bound it unto him therewith.
- 8** And he put the breastplate upon him: also he put in the breastplate the Urim and the Thummim.
- 9** And he put the mitre upon his head; also upon the mitre, even upon his forefront, did he put the golden plate, the holy crown; as the LORD commanded Moses.
- 10** And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and sanctified them.
- 11** And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot, to sanctify them.
- 12** And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him.
- 13** And Moses brought Aaron's sons, and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles, and put bonnets upon them; as the LORD commanded Moses.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Help the children understand that all believers in Jesus are called to serve God and others.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

- 1.** Before Jesus came, God called Aaron and his sons to serve Him as priests.
- 2.** Now that Jesus has come, God calls all believers to serve Him.

3. We are like priests because we bring people to God and God to people.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS

For Telling the Lesson, find a picture of a Jewish priest in his special priestly garb.

For Telling the Lesson and Telling How to Live, make a poster. Print "GOD" on the left. Glue a picture of people on the right. Leave a blank space in the middle. Bring a picture of a cross (or be prepared to draw one) and a picture of a boy or girl who believes in Jesus. Make sure both pictures will fit in the middle section. Bring a glue stick.

For Helping to Remember, bring paper, pencils, crayons, and safety scissors (blunt tip). Make several cross templates to trace.

TEACHER'S NOTES

Aaron and his sons were called by God to serve Israel as priests. They were mediators between God and the people.

God has called all of us believers to serve Him. Today we too are priests (Rev. 1:6; 5:10; 20:6). We represent people to God as we pray for the lost, and we represent God to people in our example and our spoken witness. We are all called to serve.

BEGINNING THE LESSON

Tommy had a bad habit. Whenever anyone suggested something he might do for Jesus, he answered, "Oh, let the pastor do that. He is serving Jesus."

His mother suggested he visit a sick friend. "Oh, let the pastor do it," Tommy answered. His uncle suggested he ask a friend to come to church. "Oh, let the pastor do it," Tommy said.

One day Tommy's family planned a surprise for him. At supper that night, Dad suggested, "Tommy, why not sing in the choir the church is starting?"

Tommy opened his mouth to answer. Then his whole family joined in together. "Let the pastor do it!" they all shouted.

"I guess I do say that a lot," Tommy admitted, "but the pastor is supposed to serve God."

"We all are supposed to serve God," Dad said. "Everyone who believes in Jesus has a job to do."

Tommy never said "Let the pastor do it" again. He began to ask himself, "Should I do it since I believe in Jesus?"

Before Jesus came, God called some people to do special jobs for Him. One day God spoke to Moses. He told Moses to get ready to give a special job to his brother, Aaron.

TELLING THE LESSON

This special job was for Aaron and for his sons. They were to be priests. Before Jesus came, a priest was someone who brought people together with God. They prayed for the people and offered sacrifices for them. They told the people about God.

God told Moses to get ready to pour oil on the heads of Aaron and his sons as a sign that God had chosen them to be priests. God told Moses to gather all the people together at the door of the place where they worshiped God.

Moses did as God told him. Then God told Moses to put special clothes on Aaron and his sons. These clothes would show that they were priests. (Teacher, show a picture of a priest.)

Then Moses took a special oil. He sprinkled it over the altar where Aaron and his sons would pray to God. He sprinkled it on Aaron's head. He put the special clothes on Aaron's sons too. He was performing this special ceremony to show that they were now to be priests. They were to pray to God for the people.

After Jesus came, God said that now all those who believe in Jesus are priests. We pray to God for people. We tell others about God. (Teacher, show the poster you have made. Let a child glue the cross and the picture of a believer in the middle. Explain that today, all of us who are believers serve God and bring others to Him.)

Aaron and his sons were called to serve God long ago. All of us who believe in Jesus are called to serve God today.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE

Have you believed in Jesus as your Saviour? If you have, God wants you to pray for others who do not yet know Him. He wants you to tell others about Jesus. He wants you to be a good example so that they will want to believe in Jesus. (Teacher, again refer to the poster you have made. Ask a child to explain it to the class.)

HELPING TO REMEMBER

Let the children trace a cross, color it, and cut it out. Review the idea that we serve God by praying that others will come to know Jesus and by telling them about Him.

EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT

"[Moses] poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him" (Leviticus 8:12).

Moses was Aaron's brother. God told Moses what to do to set apart Aaron and his sons to serve Him. Pouring oil on someone's head was a way of setting him apart for a special, very important job. God told Moses to pour oil on Aaron so that everyone would know that God had chosen him for a special, important job.

Aaron and his sons were set aside to be priests. They would pray to God for the people. Today all those who believe in Jesus have that same job.

If you have trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you are one of His priests. You will not do all the things Aaron and his sons did for the people, but you can tell them about Jesus and live a godly life that helps them see Him in you.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON:

Next week's lesson is "Helping Our Neighbors." If an Israelite bought a field, he was to return it to the seller in the Year of Jubilee. Study Leviticus 25:8-21, 23-24.

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LESSON CROSSWORD PUZZLE:

"Called to Serve" Leviticus 8:1-13

R E D C B E L O R D Z H Y I T
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C A I E I V M E S X C N R S R
S N O S M I R L A T S D T E N
A D N H M R I G I A P Z I S A
D C A M I O A F O S R L M A C
H O U E N Z I G H D M O A C L
F H O W R E D O H P E A N T E
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D R S M H Y M I H A E R K Y R
C H E U Y J V S Q I Y D A M L
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AARON
BREASTPLATE
CROWN
GARMENTS
LORD
OIL
SIN
THUMMIM

ANOINTED
COMMANDED
DOOR
GIRDLES
MITRE
RAMS
SONS
URIM

BREAD
CONGREGATION
EPHOD
HOLY
MOSES
SANCTIFIED
TABERNACLE
WATER

24 of 24 words were placed into the puzzle.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTION:

"Called to Serve" Leviticus 8:1-13

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S + E + + R + + + + W + + S A
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C O N G R E G A T I O N E O E
+ + I E I + M E S + C + R S R
S N O S M I R L A T + + T E N
+ D N + M R I + I A P + I S A
D + A M + O A F + S R L M + C
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+ H O W R E D O H P E A N T E
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(Over, Down, Direction)

AARON (9, 6, SE)
ANOINTED (3, 8, N)
BREAD (6, 11, NW)
BREASTPLATE (5, 1, SE)
COMMANDED (12, 15, W)
CONGREGATION (1, 4, E)
CROWN (1, 13, NE)
DOOR (1, 8, SE)
EPHOD (11, 10, W)
GARMENTS (8, 9, NW)
GIRDLES (3, 14, E)
HOLY (9, 9, SW)
LORD (7, 1, E)
MITRE (13, 8, N)
MOSES (14, 3, S)
OIL (6, 8, NE)
RAMS (13, 11, NW)
SANCTIFIED (14, 2, SW)
SIN (8, 13, N)
SONS (4, 6, W)
TABERNACLE (15, 1, S)
THUMMIM (1, 11, NE)
URIM (5, 3, S)
WATER (11, 2, SW)

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