In the Beginning...Jesus

Lesson 19
The Blood of the Covenant and the Tabernacle

Themes:
- God's commandments described how Israel was to live as the delivered people of God.
- God's commandments showed the Israelites that they were sinners and deserved death.
- God sealed the covenant with blood, showing Israel its dependence on His mercy and forgiveness.
- God desires to dwell in the midst of His people.

Scripture:
Portions of Exodus 24:6-8; 25:8

Memory Verse:
Isaiah 53:12c (and review verses 3-12b)

Today's Clue:
THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT

Home and Heart:
Briefly review the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20:1-17. Point out that the commandments showed Israel three important things: 1) God is holy, righteous, and good; 2) God's people must be holy, righteous, and good; and 3) Israel was sinful. Was this true just for Israel? Is it true for us as well? Use one or more of the commandments to show how it convicts us of our own sin. Because of this, what do we need? [God's mercy.] How did God show His mercy to the people of Israel? What did He do to forgive their sin? Why was this necessary? Read Romans 6:23a and Hebrews 9:22. Read Exodus 24:6-8. How does the blood of the covenant point to something coming in Israel's future? Read the rest of Romans 6:23.

Review Exodus 24:6-8. Why was blood used to seal the covenant and make it official? What is the blood a reminder of? Who should have died and why? Why won't God look at sin and say it's okay? Is your own sin okay with God? Could you please God and have a special relationship with Him by working hard and keeping all of His commandments? Why not? Does God know this? Has He made a way for you to be saved? Is it through the blood of animals? What has changed since the time of the covenant God gave Israel at Mount Sinai?

Read Exodus 25:1-9. What was the purpose for the tabernacle God instructed Moses to build? What kinds of materials was it to be made of? Ordinary or everyday things? What does this tell us about Who God is and what He is like? Does the tabernacle still exist? Why not? Read Revelation 21:1-4. What are these verses describing? Something now or in the future? Has God made a way to enjoy His presence now so we can experience a little bit of heaven? How?



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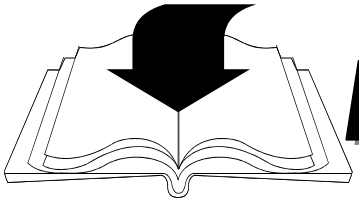

EXODUS

This week, read Exodus 24 and Exodus 25:1-9. Often the Bible uses words that were common for that place and time but are less familiar to us now. After reading the passages, see if you can write the Bible word from the text that matches each meaning. To make this easier, the first letter of each word has been provided. You may need your parents' help.

Bible Word	Meaning
S_____	A precious stone that is very beautiful
L_____	A kind of fabric woven from the stem of a certain kind of plant
I_____	Something burned to give a pleasant odor
A_____	A structure built for offering sacrifices
B_____	A reddish brown, shiny metal
E_____	A special kind of apron that is worn
S_____	A brilliant red color
A_____	A type of tree