

## Separation from Sin

The repeated theme of the book of Leviticus is Holiness. Sin has to be dealt with and we see that it is only through the blood of an innocent victim that it can be dealt with. The purpose of all of the offerings showed how holy and unapproachable God was without the cleansing of blood.

## Say it! Play it! Pray it! (Leviticus 8)

<b>Objectives:</b>	Play out Aaron and his sons being ordained for the priesthood. Gain insight into your own faith. Have fun with your family.
<b>Number of Players:</b>	4 or more narrator, Moses, Aaron, Aaron's sons (1 or more sons/daughters, however many kids you have)
<b>Length:</b>	30 minutes - 1 hour
<b>Set up:</b>	<p>You can get as elaborate as you like.</p> <p>As the Narrator is reading, the separate characters should act out what is being said and dramatize how these events make them feel.</p> <p>Prepare a place to be the tabernacle of meeting and the alter where you will sacrifice and sprinkle the blood. (You may want to do this in the kitchen or outside where you can get messy)</p> <p>Prepare these items ahead of time:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) 3 large ripe tomatoes to represent the bull and the two rams (you could also use some catsup or tomato sauce inserted for added blood. Use a turkey baster to carefully insert the catsup or tomato sauce into the tomato. Try to fill it up without bursting it. During the acting out you will cut the tomato open and you will want the "blood" to make a mess to show what a bloody mess our sins cause.)</li><li>2) A sharp knife for Moses to kill and cut up the tomatoes.</li><li>3) Crackers for the unleavened bread in a basket</li><li>4) Some oil for anointing</li><li>5) Some robes, scarves, shield and hats to represent the tunic, sash, ephod (magnificent outer garment of the high priest), robe, turbin, Urim and Thummim (lots used to determine the will of God - no one knows what they looked like - you could use dice or a coin) (read Lev 8:6-9 to get an idea of all the items you will need to simulate - you will need enough for Aaron and all of his sons - if you have a study bible, it will give a description of what some of the items are - you can be very realistic, or you can pretend - be as elaborate as you like)</li><li>6) An alter where Moses can cut the tomatoes and dice them and sprinkle their 'blood' (since the instructions include the burning of the sacrifice, you can pretend, or you could use a BBQ grill or stove to actually burn the sacrifice)</li><li>7) Several stuffed animals or something similar to represent the congregation</li><li>8) A bowl of water for washing Aaron and his sons</li></ol>

**Narrator:** And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: “Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, the anointing oil, a bull as the sin offering, two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread; and gather all the congregation together at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.” So Moses did as the Lord commanded him. And the congregation was gathered together at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. And Moses said to the congregation,

*(gather all of the stuffed animals around the alter to observe the ceremony)*

**Moses:** This is what the Lord commanded to be done.

**Narrator:** Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons and washed them with water. And he put the tunic on Aaron, girded him with the sash, clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod on him; and he girded him with the intricately woven band of the ephod, and with it tied the ephod on him. Then he put the breastplate on him, and he put the urim and thummim in the breastplate. And he put the turban on his head. Also on the turban, on its front, he put the golden plate, the holy crown, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it and consecrated them. He sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times, anointed the alter and all its utensils, and the laver and its base, to consecrate them. And he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron’s head and anointed him, to consecrate him.

Then Moses brought Aaron’s sons and put tunics on them, girded them with sashes, and put hats on them, as the Lord had commanded Moses. And he brought the bull (*ripe tomato*) for the sin offering. Then Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull for the sin offering, and Moses killed it. Then he took the blood, and put some on the horns of the alter all around with his finger and purified the alter and he poured the blood at the base of the alter, and consecrated it. Then he took all the fat that was on the entrails, the fatty lobe attached to the liver, and the two kidneys with their fat, and Moses burned them on the alter. But the bull, its hide, its flesh, and its offal, he burned with fire outside the camp, as the Lord commanded Moses.

Then he brought the ram as the burnt offering. And Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram, and Moses killed it. Then he sprinkled the blood all around on the alter. And he cut the ram into pieces; and Moses burned the head, the pieces, and the fat. Then he washed the entrails and the legs in water. And Moses burned the whole ram on the alter. It was a burnt sacrifice for a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the Lord, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

And he brought the second ram, the ram of consecration. Then Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram, and Moses killed it. Also he took some of its blood and put it on the tip of Aaron’s right ear, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. Then he brought Aaron’s sons. And Moses put some of the blood on the tips of their right ears on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the big toes of their right feet. And Moses sprinkled the blood all around on the altar. Then he took the fat and the fat tail, all the fat that was on the entrails, the fatty lobe attached to the liver, the two kidneys and their fat, and the right thigh; and from the basket of unleavened bread that was before the Lord he took one unleavened cake, a cake of bread anointed with oil, and one wafer, and put them on the fat and on the right thigh; and he put all these in Aaron’s hands and in his sons’ hands, and waved them as a wave offering before the Lord.



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Then Moses took them from their hands and burned them on the alter, on the burnt offering. They were consecration offerings for a sweet aroma. That was an offering made by fire to the Lord. And Moses took the breast and waved it as a wave offering before the Lord. It was Moses' part of the ram of consecration, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Then Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood which was on the alter and sprinkled it on Aaron, on his garments, on his sons, and on the garments of his sons with him; and he consecrated Aaron, his garments, his sons and the garments of his sons with him.

And Moses said to Aaron and his sons,

**Moses:** Boil the flesh at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and eat it there with the bread that is in the basket of consecration offerings, as I commanded, saying, 'Aaron and his sons shall eat it.' What remains of the flesh and of the bread you shall burn with fire. And you shall not go outside the door of the tabernacle of meeting for seven days, until the days of your consecration are ended. For seven days he shall consecrate you. As he has done this day, so the Lord commanded to do, to make atonement for you. Therefore you shall stay at the door of the tabernacle of meeting day and night for seven days, and keep the charge of the Lord, so that you may not die; for so I have been commanded.

**Narrator:** So Aaron and his sons did all the things that the Lord had commanded by the hand of Moses.

**Clean Up:** Everyone should help clean up, then gather together for discussion.

**Discussion:** Have each person share how it felt to them to play the role they did and what insights they gained about the people they played. Questions to consider: Why do you think there was such an elaborate ceremony? What was the purpose of all the blood? Aaron and his sons stood before God for the people and they stood before the people for God. How important was the role that they played? Who is our great high priest (Heb 8:20)? What is the significance of Jesus as our High Priest (Romans 7:23-27)? And, how is he different than the High Priests before him? Who are the priests (1 Pet 2:9)? In light of your answers, can you stand before God for the people (family, friends, your country, the world)? How can you stand before the people for God?

**Prayer:** Close in prayer thanking God for His provision and for all that you have learned and the fun you had with your family.