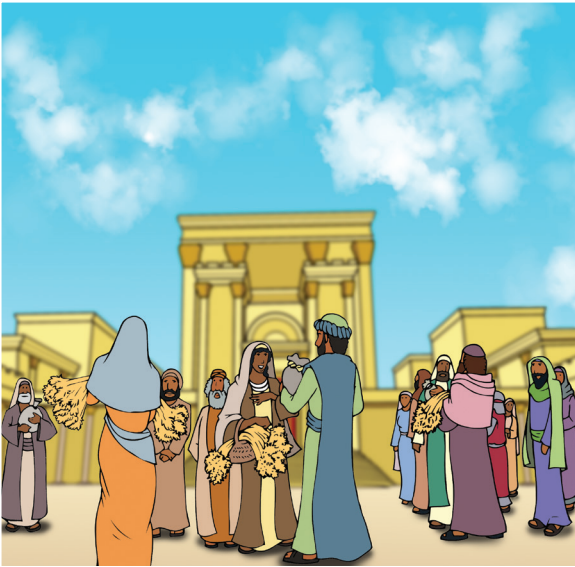


March 29, 2020



Key Verse:

"I the LORD do not change.
So you, the descendants of
Jacob, are not destroyed."
(Malachi 3:6)

Challenging the Leader

In today's Scripture lesson, God was preparing the people for His return to His Temple. When He returned, He would be like a blazing fire or a strong detergent that whitened clothes. He would *purify* (cleanse) the Levites like precious metals. They would bring their offerings to Him and He would accept them as it had been done in the past.

Because the Lord God is always good, the descendants of Jacob (God's people) were not destroyed. They had turned away from God. He wanted them to turn back to Him and He would return to them. But they wondered what they were doing that was displeasing to God.

They had cheated God by not giving back to Him some of what He had given them, known as *tithes*. They were cursed because of this. God wanted them to bring their tithes to the storehouse so there would be enough food in the Temple. Then He promised to pour out blessings from heaven so great that they would not be able to collect them all. God promised to give them abundant crops and grapes that would not wither and fall from the vines. People would say they were blessed.



No One Would Believe It!



"Aww, aren't you just so cute?" Whitney's older cousin Felicia said. Her family was visiting from out of town for her grandmother's birthday, and Whitney was excited to talk to Felicia. Her cousin was smart and beautiful, popular at school, and the nicest person she knew. Whitney wanted to be just like Felicia when she got older.

"Thanks, Felicia!" Whitney replied. "Do you want to play with my new drawing set I got for Christmas last year? It has a bunch of cool pieces."

"I think that would be a lot of fun," Felicia said with a big smile on her face. "Let me go call my friend first, and I'll be right back."

Whitney waited for fifteen minutes before she started to wonder what happened to Felicia. She decided to go find her, but when she did, she could not believe her ears.

"I don't want to be here for this birthday party . . . my little cousins are so annoying!" Felicia groaned into the cell phone.

The things that Felicia said hurt Whitney's feelings. Whitney could not believe that the cousin she looked up to was not the nice person she thought she was.

Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab



Hello, everyone! Ruby here! Do you have an older cousin or sibling whom you look up to? How would you feel if he or she disappointed you like Whitney's cousin Felicia disappointed her? Would you have a talk with him or her, or just let it all go?

We read about how excited Whitney was to hang out with her cousin Felicia. Felicia's harsh words really hurt Whitney. Would you have been hurt by Felicia's words? Although she is hurt by Felicia's words, how should Whitney treat her cousin Felicia? Should Whitney let Felicia know that she overheard her conversation?

The Right Places for the Words

The words found in the Word Bank belong in the incomplete sentences below that are part of a verse from today's lesson. Do you think you can fill in the words in the right places to complete the statements? Try it and see!

WORD BANK

Almighty • **food** • **says** • **storehouse**
test • **whole**

"Bring the _____ tithe into the
_____, that there may
be _____ in my house. _____
me in this," _____ the LORD
_____.



Mining for Words

See how many common words you can make from the letters in the words "FAIR LEADERSHIP." Write them on the lines below. Words can be any length. Thinking of words that rhyme with each other (such as *rat*, *hat*, *cat*, *bat*) can help you remember more words.

FAIR LEADERSHIP

<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>

