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## Teacher's Notes and Tips for Teaching 'Leviticus 20' to Elementary Students

### Objective:

Introduce students to the key themes of Leviticus 20, which focuses on holiness, community laws, and consequences for actions, in a way that emphasizes understanding and moral lessons.

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### Pacing Suggestions:

#### 1. Introduction (10 minutes):

- Begin with a brief overview of what Leviticus is—a book from the Bible with laws given to the Israelites.
- Explain the word "Leviticus" briefly, suggesting its relation to the tribe of Levi, known for religious duties.

#### 2. Reading Key Verses (15 minutes):

- Select specific verses that are age-appropriate. For instance, verses that highlight the concepts of listening to God and treating others well.
- Use a child-friendly translation for clarity.

#### 3. Discussion (15 minutes):

- Discuss the idea of rules and why communities have them.
- Use simple questions to encourage participation, like "What are some rules you have at home or school?"

#### 4. Activity (20 minutes):

- Engage students in a role-playing activity where they enact scenarios about making good choices.
- Create a simple worksheet where students draw a picture of a rule they think is important and explain why.

#### 5. Conclusion (5 minutes):

- Recap the main points of holiness and living in a caring community.
- Encourage students to share one thing they learned.

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### Explaining Difficult Concepts:

#### - Holiness:

- Describe holiness as being special or set apart for good things. Use examples like a "special toy" that is treated well.

#### - Consequences:

- Explain consequences as results of our actions, similar to how we might have a "time-out" for not following rules at school.

- Community Rules:
- Compare biblical community rules with classroom rules, emphasizing fairness, respect, and caring for one another.

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#### Managing Student Engagement:

- Interactive Storytelling:
  - Use engaging storytelling techniques to make the passage come to life, such as different voices or props.
- Visual Aids:
  - Use images or a chart to help illustrate key points, like a "Good Choices vs. Bad Choices" board.
- Question and Answer:
  - Frequently pause for questions to maintain engagement.
  - Use "think-pair-share" to allow students to discuss their thoughts with a peer.
- Positive Reinforcement:
  - Praise students' contributions to keep the atmosphere positive and inclusive.

By maintaining a simple yet interactive approach, students can grasp the essence of Leviticus 20 without becoming overwhelmed by mature themes. The focus should remain on teaching moral lessons applicable to their lives.