



DAY 12 Malachi the Prophet

Step 1: Read

Malachi 2:1-2, 4-9, The Lord Rebukes the Priests

Step 2: Discuss (see curriculum notes below for support)

1. Looking at verse 7, what is the calling of a Priest?
2. What are the priests being rebuked for? What are the actions that follow “if you will not” in verse 2? What has this led to in verse 8?
3. What does it mean to sacrifice something?
4. How is God loving his people through this rebuke?

Step 3: Sing Together - I will Hear <https://www.crosssound.org/family-videos>

Step 4: Review

- *Story Point:* Malachi called God’s people to repent to prepare for the Messiah.
- *Memory Verse for the week:* 1 Peter 5:10 “And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.”
- *Big Picture Question:* Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything in heaven and earth.

Step 5: Pray

Ask for everyone to share a prayer request and something they want to thank the Lord for, and then take turns praying out loud.

Curriculum Notes

Help kids recall that to sacrifice means offering God our very best of everything. The people in the story were supposed to be making a sacrifice to worship God. Sacrifice expresses love, thanksgiving, or the need for forgiveness; and sacrifice often comes at great cost to ourselves.

Point out that we sometimes try to make shortcuts to obey God because we don’t trust Him like we should or we act selfishly. But God wants us to obey Him completely, offering Him our very best. The people were supposed to make a sacrifice to worship God, but they gave Him their leftovers instead of their best.

God’s people made wrong choices and became lazy in their worship, but God still loved them and cared for them. God showed compassion, treating them with kindness even though they did not deserve it.