

# AMPLIFY: Holiness

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## Lesson 1: God = Holy

**What we want students to learn:** That your students would understand exactly what holiness is, why God alone is holy, and why it's so important.

**What we want them to do with what they've learned:** To consider what God's holiness means in their everyday lives.

**Scripture Focus:** Leviticus 11:45, Exodus 3:1-6, Exodus 15:11, Jeremiah 9:23-24

**Overview:** There are a few of those familiar "church" words that we feel like we know, or have an intuitive understanding of. Holiness is one of them. We tend to know what we mean when we say, "God is holy." But do we really? Better yet, do our students? The purpose of this lesson is to look at a sampling of Old Testament verses that will define what God's holiness is, and why it's such an important concept to our relationship with Him.

## Lesson 2: Made Right

**What we want students to learn:** That Jesus' sacrifice on the cross makes holiness available to them.

**What we want them to do with what they've learned:** To articulate how this fact changes the way they see themselves.

**Scripture Focus:** Leviticus 20:26, Ephesians 1:3-8, Colossians 1:21-23

**Overview:** God is holy. And from His calling of Abram as the father of the Israelites to His call on Christ-followers today, God desires for His people to be holy as well. God wants a people who live in line with His character. This was the reason for giving the Israelites the Law so that they would be separated from the surrounding God-less nations. However, the Israelites couldn't perfectly obey God's commands and neither can we. Our sin nature keeps us from holiness. But God knows this. Since the beginning, He's had a plan in mind, and that plan was Jesus. Through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, all who believe in Him are made holy by God's grace. And this fact changes everything.

## Lesson 3: More Like Christ

**What we want students to learn:** The point of the lesson is that your students would understand that striving to live a holy life means choosing to identify with God instead of the world.

**What we want them to do with what they've learned:** That they would grasp how being identified with God can impact the lives of the people they encounter each day.

**Scripture Focus:** 1 John 2:15-17, 1 Peter 1:13-16, Romans 12:1-2

**Overview:** The wonderful truth you studied last lesson is a comforting one: we are holy because of what Christ did on our behalf. However, it's important that students understand that they are expected to live each day in a way that identifies them with God. In other words, they're expected to live holy lives. Lives set apart from the world. Lives that are different. We can make this more complicated than it is. In its simplest form, the call to holy living is nothing more than becoming more like God and less like the world around us. Not only does this way of living put your students in line with God's will for them, but it sets their lives and values firmly on the unchanging things of God, not the ever-changing ways of the world. This lesson is meant to challenge your students to consider how being closely identified with God will not only change their day-to-day lives but will also positively impact their peers as well.

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