

“Dude wants me to be Holy...”

This skit is based on Leviticus 19:1-10

Explain to your students that you are going to read a skit on what it means to be Holy. To try and be like God is. Let them know that you are going to occasionally “stop” then ask a few questions or better explain a situation they just read about.

Talk about being made in the image of God. (Gen 1:27)

Talk about the fall of man (Gen 3:1-24)

Talk about God’s promise to Abraham (Gen 12:6-7)

Talk about God freeing the Israelites from Egypt

- The great escape

- The ten commandments

- The building of the tabernacle

- Speaking to the priests

Now what?... Moses comes once again with a message. This time to everyone - not just the priests...

SETTING: One afternoon near the foot of Mt. Sinai during the time of the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt.

Dude 1: What's up, man?

Dude 2: Man, I'm sick of this Moses guy!

Dude 1: What do you mean? He's okay for an old guy.

Dude 2: He just came down from the mountain again and gave us some more rules.

Dude 1: More commandments?

Dude 2: No, but like stricter instructions of how to do the ten commandments.

Dude 1: I don't get it. What do you mean?

Dude 2: Well, now the dude wants me to be Holy because "the Lord our God" is Holy. And to top it off he's reminding us of some of those ten commandments again. The guy just won't give it a rest.

STOP: God want us to be like who? Him!

Dude 1: Like, what do you mean, man? I guess I slept though this announcement time.

Dude 2: Well, you know how he's got these priestly Levites that he's always instructing what to do, right?

Dude 1: Yeah.

Dude 2: Well, this time Moses calls us all together, not just the priestly guys, all of us. Then he says he's been talkin' to God again and God has another message for us. He says "You are to be Holy because, I your God, am Holy." So I'm thinkin' "alright, what's with this Holy stuff?". Then Moses starts to tell me what to do. You know, like how to be Holy and all that. He's tellin' me like I'm personally responsible. It's like this holiness thing is the center of all moral and legal law or something. He's tellin' us that Israel's behavior is suppose to be different from everyone else's. We're not suppose to act like the other nations of the world.

STOP: We are not suppose to act like who? Other nations. How do you suppose that relates to the way we act when we, as Christians, are at school? Do you stand out above the rest or do you become a chameleon and try not to let anyone know your a Christian?

Hello? Moses? In case you haven't noticed we aren't like other nations! While they're all in their little cities growing fresh fruit and veggies and living in houses we're herding our flocks around the desert, living in tents eating manna.... manna! manna! manna! manna! manna! manna! manna! I'm so sick of that stuff!

Dude 1: Hey dude, chill! While other nations work for what they have we just wake up and eat that manna till we're full. We don't work for it or anything.

STOP: Did anyone plant the manna? Did anyone water the manna? Did anyone pull the weeds around the manna? Did anyone harvest the manna? So, God sometimes gives us gifts we don't have to work for. Do you always appreciate the things God gives you? Or do you act ungrateful and unappreciative about them?

Dude 2: Yeah, I suppose, but still... anyway...so then he tells me I have to honor my mother and father. He's already told us that before. And besides, I don't think he's ever met my parents. They're so out of it and old fashioned. They don't let me do anything. They think they know it all, but they don't. They keep saying, "it's because we love you." I just want to do what I want to do even if that means I make my own mistakes! I want to learn for myself.

STOP: How many of you feel that way? Do you always want to do what your parents say? Do you do it anyway out of obedience? Can you think of anyone in the Bible that was asked to do something by their parents and didn't want to but did it anyway? (Have someone read Matthew 26:35-42) What was Jesus going to have to do? (die!) Does it sound like that's what he wanted to do? (no) In fact, he asks twice, "Can I please not have to do this?!" (v39 and v42) The word "cup" back then was another word for destiny - Jesus was asking his dad to have his destiny changed. What is the last phrase of verse 42 - "may your will be done." Jesus is obedient to his father.

Dude 1: Dude, sounds like you've got an issue with pride there.

Dude 2: What? What are you talkin' about?

Dude 1: Listen to yourself, "I just want to do what I want to do." Man, your parents are the ones that introduced you to God when you were a tyke. You shouldn't be disrespectin' them like that.

Dude 2: It's not I don't like them. It's just that...

Dude 1: Look man, If you can't get along with your parents that you can see, how are you going to get along with God that you can't see?

Dude 2: I don't know. I never really thought of it like that before.

STOP: Think about it now.

Dude 1: So, what else did Moses tell you?

Dude 2: To observe the Sabbath.

Dude 1: Oh, Man, that's easy we do that!

Dude 2: Well, I do most of the time, or maybe half the time... sometimes.

Dude 1: Ya know, if you learn not to diss your parents so much I bet it would help you learn not to be dissen God so much. And besides that, God is worth designating an amount of our time to. Man, you should be exited for the Sabbath, not workin' through it.

STOP: Do you use Sunday to rest or to catch up on all the stuff you didn't get to do early in the week?

Dude 2: Lay off man, I get the point. Besides, I don't need to hear it from you and Moses. Hearin' it from Moses is enough. So then the dude says that God says no "E'lilim". Man, that's an easy one. I seen some of the gods other people worship. These gods have less morals and character that some of the people trying to worship them.

STOP: E'lilim means worshiping other Gods. Some of the worship included child sacrifices where parents would burn their own children on alters to try and please the "other" gods.

Dude 1: Yeah, I hear ya there. But I really feel bad for the kids that get burned in sacrifices. That's just not right no matter who you worship. Molech sure is a sick god. I can't believe any Israelites would do that. And remember that dumb cow we all worshiped? That was dumb, too.

Dude 2: Oh, yeah, and Moses said none of that either.

Dude 1: Remember he dropped those stone things and broke them. He tried to blame that on us, too. We were all like “Don’t have a cow, man!” and he was like “Don’t have a cow!?! I’ll show you a cow!!!” Well, the way Moses ground up that cow and made us all drink the gold dust I don’t think we’ll be doin’ anything that dumb for a long time.

Dude 2: Don’t get me off the subject, man. There’s more. Then Moses talked about eating the sacrificial meat. And because we can take some and eat it we should share it with others in our home, as a Holy time, because the meat is Holy. And that we shouldn’t assume that just because we sacrificed meat to God that he is pleased with it. We have to do it with a pure heart.

Dude 1: Dude, I know what you mean. When someone gives me something because they want to I’m like “Thanks dude!” but when they give me something because they have to and like they’re not into it I feel bad and I’m like “Ya know what, don’t bother man - take your stuff and go”. It really bums me out.

Dude 2: I totally agree with you on that. I hate it too.

STOP: So, when you do stuff for God like go to Sunday School, doing your devotions, praying, being kind to others, are you excited to do those things or do you do them because you have to? (Or do you even do some of those things?)

Dude 1: So, was like that it?

Dude 2: No, there was a lot more. I only stuck around for one other thing before I bolted. I’m not into meetings and lectures so I didn’t stick around for the whole thing. In fact, the dude’s still talkin now just around the corner of the mountain. I left because he was getting all weird on me.

Dude 1: What to you mean by that?

Dude 2: He started talking about how to harvest our food. The dude’s been on that mountain top too long. I think he forgets were still in the desert eating manna. He started yappin’ about not harvesting all the food and leaving some for the poor. Hey, you want some? Come and take as much of my manna as you want... manna manna manna manna manna!

Dude 1: Dude, he talked about leaving manna for the poor?

Dude 2: Oh, no. He talked about leaving grapes and grain for the poor.

Dude 1: What grapes and grain?

Dude 2: That's what I mean. He's been on the mountain too long.

Dude 1: Hey, we are suppose to enter the "promise land" pretty soon. Do you think that's what he's talkin' about?

Dude 2: Yeah, that must be it! Hey, but don't we leave some food for the gods and demons to eat anyway?

STOP: It was a common practice in pagan religions to leave some of the food you grew so that the gods would have something to eat without having to work for it AND to make sure that they didn't get mad at you and then come after you. You wanted to keep them happy.

Dude 1: Haven't you been listening to yourself? There are no other gods! Just our God! And I think leavin some of our harvest behind is a nice way to share what God has given us to those that are less fortunate anyway.

Dude 2: Hey, man, I'll do ya one better. It would even be cooler if we shared the meal with the poor. You know, actually spent time with them to try and be their friends.

Dude 1: Oh, yeah! And hey, get this... It's like a double bonus. The stuff you don't collect you don't have to pay taxes on and the food you leave in your fields and orchards can be collected by the poor allowing them to keep their dignity and not have to beg for food!

Dude 2: You know, maybe this Moses dude isn't as whacked as we thought. I think I'm headin back around the corner to hear the rest of what he has to say. You comin' with me?

Dude 2: Count me in, man. This Holiness stuff seems important to everyone!

END: God's not giving us a bunch of rules to make life a pain in the neck, He's giving us guidelines on how to be like Him and make the world a better place. And when put into perspective these guidelines should be easy to follow, as long as we are not trying to put "Trying to be like me" before "Trying to be like God."

Pray on putting "God" before "me".

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