

March 22, 2020



Key Verse:

What does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

Loyal and Obedient

In today's Scripture text, Micah was giving the people a message from God. God wanted His people to discuss, while in the mountains and hills, the issue that they had with Him.

Then, God gave His complaints against the people of Israel. He wondered why they had turned against Him. Were they tired of waiting for Him? God had brought them out of slavery in Egypt. He had sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to lead them.

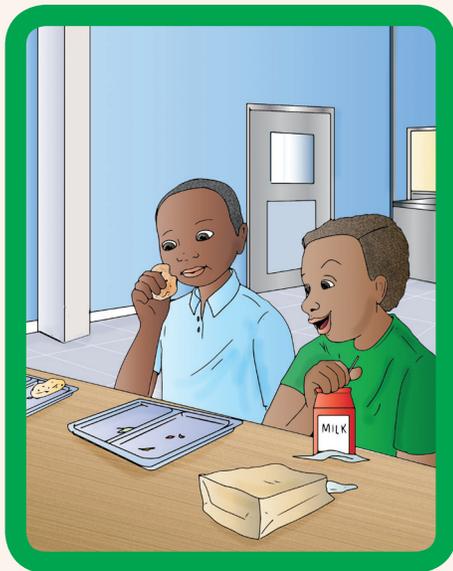
Did they not remember how King Balak of Moab tried to curse them, or how Balaam, the son of Beor, blessed them instead? God reminded them of their past journey from Acacia to Gilgal, where He showed them His faithfulness to them.

How could they make up for what they had done? Should they bow before God with offerings of calves? Should they offer thousands of rams or rivers of olive oil? Would the Lord God be pleased if they *sacrificed* (gave up) their firstborn children to pay for their sins? Would God be happy with that?

All God requires is for His people to do what is right, to show kindness to others, and to live humbly and trust Him.



Is That Right to Do?



Every Tuesday, Peter would race to the cafeteria and grab up one of those homestyle baked cookies. It was the best part of his lunch!

When the class dismissed one Tuesday, Peter got ready to run out of the classroom—but his teacher called his name and held him back to talk about his late project. So, when he got to the lunchroom, the cookies were gone! He stayed mad the whole lunch period.

"I can't believe I missed the cookies today," he huffed, crossing his arms.

"They were really good too!" his friend Rafe said as he gobbled down his cookie.

Peter saw the tray of food on the other side of Rafe. There wasn't anyone sitting there then. And the cookie on the tray looked great!

"I'm going to take *that* one," Peter told his friend. "They must not want it because they left their tray here for so long. No one is going to eat it. They are just going to throw it away, right?"

Peter said a bunch of things to make it sound like he would not be stealing from the person's plate. What do you think about his plan and reasoning?

Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab



Hello, everyone! Ruby here! Can you imagine someone or something so powerful that it can save everyone? I have recently been doing some experiments on power and alternate power and I better understand how much power it takes to conduct just one of my experiments. Imagine someone powerful enough to save people from experiencing the lasting consequences of wrongdoing. That's a lot of power!

Now, I want you to imagine how powerful God is to be able to include all of us in His kingdom—and all we need to do is be loyal and obedient to Him!

I will be loyal and obedient to God!



Decode the Message

Use the Letter Key to *decode* (figure out) the hidden message related to today's lesson.

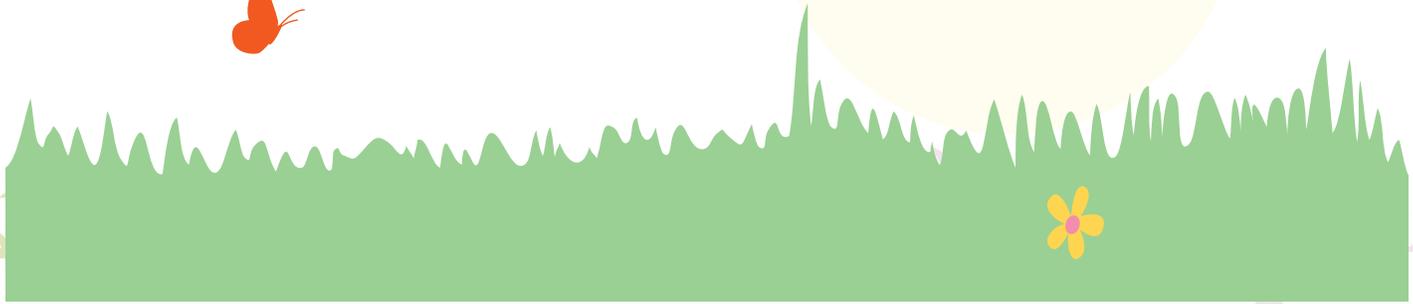
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Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks of the sentences to complete statements related to today's lesson. Use the Word Bank to help you.

WORD BANK

complaints • firstborn • humbly • mountains • right • slavery

1. Should the people offer their _____ child to God?
2. God wanted the people to do what is _____.
3. While in the _____, the people should discuss their complaints against God.
4. God had brought the people out of _____ in Egypt.
5. God wanted the people to live _____ and trust Him.
6. God had _____ against the people.

