



Bible Object Lesson



from Godly Pearls

Making Jesus Christ known, one story at a time.



A NOTE TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS:

Thank you for downloading this Bible Object Lesson.

This first page contains different sections to help you when planning for your class, for example, Home-school, Sunday School, Bible Study, Bible Club, Mission class, etc.

We suggest that you print pages 2 - 5 and distribute them to your students.



TOPIC:

We have direct access to God.



OBJECT:

Curtain



What to do:

1. Ask the children to point to a curtain if you have one around you. Or the children can draw what a curtain looks like. Or you can print a picture of a curtain and show the children.
2. Ask a question - "What is a curtain used for?"



Read the Bible References: The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goals of Lesson:

1. To explain that we can directly access and talk to God.
2. To encourage children to talk to God with confidence when praying because God listens to them and He hears them.



Lesson Takeaway:

We have direct and free access to God at any time.



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Object:

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Topic:
WE HAVE DIRECT ACCESS
TO GOD.



Bible References:
Exodus 26:31–35;
Hebrews 9:2, 3;
Matthew 27:50 – 51.



Notes

From our bible references, you would have heard the word “curtain”, or “veil”, or even “screen”. All these words refer to an item that you use to separate one area of space from the other. For example, a curtain or screen can be used to separate the children who are 3 – 5-year-old from those who are 7 – 10-year-old in a big class.

You can also use a curtain or screen in theatres where you go to watch movies, or even at home – to separate the living room from a dining area.

The word “curtain” is associated with “separation”. In the Old Testament, as Moses led the Israelites through the wilderness on their way to the promised land, God told Moses to build a tabernacle or holy tent. This tent was a place where the Israelites could go to worship and praise God.

Inside the tabernacle, there was a place called the Holy Place and another place called the Most Holy Place. A curtain separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place (Exodus 26:33).



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Notes continued:

The Most Holy Place contained the Ark of the Covenant which had the two tablets of stone where God wrote the ten commandments.

What's special about the Most Holy Place?

The Most Holy Place was a symbol of the Presence of God, that is, the place where God dwelt.

The High Priest was the only person allowed to go through the curtain and enter the Most Holy Place; no other person was allowed to go inside or even look inside the room. In addition, the High Priest could only enter the Most Holy Place once a year. He could not just go inside whenever he wanted (Hebrews 9:7).

Before the High Priest went into the Most Holy Place, he would take a young bull and ram to make some sacrifices. He could not go in without making the sacrifices (Leviticus 16:3).

What happened to the Most Holy Place when Jesus died?

Many years after the Israelites got to the promised land, King Solomon built a temple as a place where they could worship God.

But when Jesus Christ was on the cross, He shouted out loud and died. Then, the bible says that "the veil/curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom (Matthew 27:51).

Since the curtain was torn in two, the Most Holy Place was now opened and accessible to everyone – not just the High Priest. How exciting!



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What does the torn curtain mean today?

Let's explain what the objects in this lesson represent.

- The curtain was a symbol that sin separated man from the Presence of God.
- The animal sacrifice was a symbol of cleansing from sin so that the Israelites could be forgiven.
- The Most Holy Place was a symbol of where God dwelt.

After the curtain was torn in two, the following happened:

- We now have direct and free access to God. We can talk to God directly; we can pray to Him or worship him in songs and hymns. We do not need a person to talk to God on our behalf, like the High Priest did.
- We no longer need animal sacrifices. When Jesus died on the cross, He became the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world – for you and me. Jesus already paid the price for our sins.
- When we talk to God, we can be confident in His Presence (Hebrews 10:19). The High Priest did not have this confidence – they could make a mistake and be punished immediately. But because of Jesus, we can go to God with confidence – we know He hears us, He listens, and He answers our prayers (1 John 5:15).
- We don't have to go to church or a temple before we can talk to God (Acts 17:24). God is everywhere, right here with us!
- We can be in the Presence of God every day and at any time, not just once a year.



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Memorize: Ephesians 2:18 - For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.



Questions:

1. What do these objects represent? Curtain, animal sacrifice and Most Holy Place.
2. What happened when the curtain was torn in two?



Reminder: We have direct and free access to God at any time.



Say and repeat: I can talk to God and be in His Presence every day.



Let us pray: Dear Lord, thank You for giving me free access to come into Your Presence. Thank You because I can talk to You directly and be confident that You hear me and will answer my prayers. Help me to always find joy and peace as I come to You. I ask these in Jesus' name, amen!



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