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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 4 and distribute them to your students.



Topic: Phinehas – An example of how to honor and obey God.



Read the Bible References:

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



Goal of Lesson:

- To encourage students to honor and obey the commandments and instructions of God.



Lesson Takeaway:

God wants us to honor and obey His commandments.



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Topic:

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Bible References:

Numbers 25:1–13



Who was Phinehas?

In the book of Numbers, we read about an Israelite man named Phinehas. He was the son of Eleazar and the grandson of Aaron, the High Priest. Phinehas played a significant role in stopping a plague that had struck the Israelites because of their idolatry, immorality and disobedience to God.



What did Phinehas do?

In Numbers 25:1-13, we read about an important event involving Phinehas. At this time, the people of Israel began to engage in immoral behavior and idolatry with women that were not from Israel. These women served idols and invited them to serve idols too. This immoral and idolatrous behaviour brought down God's anger on them. Many people in Israel – 24,000 of them – were killed in the devastating plague that happened.

While the plague was going on, and people were crying and feeling sorry because of those who had already died, a man named Zimri brought in a woman (Numbers 25:6, 14). The woman was from Midian, a nation whose women led the men of Israel to serve idols and commit immoralities.





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What did Phinehas do? (Contd.)

Phinehas stood up quickly and did something that stopped God's wrath and judgement on the people of Israel. In Numbers 25: 7 – 8, the bible says: "Now when Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose from among the congregation and took a javelin in his hand; and he went after the man of Israel into the tent and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her body. So the plague was stopped among the children of Israel".

Phinehas took a bold and passionate stand to honor God, directly confronting the sinful behavior that brought the anger and judgement of God on the Israelites. His instant and determined action stopped the plague that had killed 24,000 people.



What can we learn from Phinehas?

Phinehas's story teaches us several important lessons about passion, obedience, and honoring God:

- Phinehas was very passionate about maintaining the honor and holiness of God. His passion motivated him to take quick action against the sin of immorality in Israel. We are encouraged not to allow, promote, or join others to commit sin (Proverbs 1:10).
- Phinehas showed courage when he confronted sin. It is important to stand up for what is right, even when it is difficult or requires uneasy actions (James 4:17; Joshua 1:9).
- God rewarded Phinehas for his actions. God gave Him a promise, a covenant of peace with him and his descendants (Numbers 25:11-13). This demonstrates that obedience to God's commands brings His favour and blessings (Deuteronomy 28:1).





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What can we learn from Phinehas? (contd.)

- Phinehas's actions had a great impact on the people of Israel – his actions led to the end of the plague and stopped people from dying. Many lives were saved. When we are faithful and stand up for what is right, we can have a positive impact on our family, community and even nation (Matthew 5:14 – 16; Proverbs 14:34).



Memorize:

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people (Proverbs 14:34).



Scenario Review:

Dan is a very friendly boy and has lots of friends in your class. Everyone looks up to him and listens to what he says. One day, he brought a phone to school and was watching pornographic videos on his phone. He told the students that it is OK to watch the dirty, immoral videos. A lot of students believed what Dan said. You know it is wrong for him to bring a phone to school. It is also wrong to watch pornographic videos. What will you do? Why did you make that choice?



Remember: God wants us to honor and obey His commandments.



Let us pray: Dear God, I thank You because Your word tells me what is right or wrong. Thank You because You bless those who are obedient to Your commandments and instructions. Please, help me to stand up for what is right. Give me the courage to stand against sin and to obey Your commandments. Let my actions bring You honour. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen!

