



Clean Vs Unclean Animals Story

SUPPLIES NEEDED

You will need the following:

- 8 Sheets of Cardstock (8.5" x 11")
- 8 3 mil Laminating Film
- 32 Clear Velcro Dots

DIRECTIONS

- Print pages 2-15 two-sided on cardstock paper and then laminate them.
- Print page 16 on cardstock paper and laminate it. Then cut out all the animals.
- Use clear Velcro dots to attach the animals to the correct pages while you go over the lesson in class with your students.
- There are corresponding student pages titled "Clean vs Unclean Lower Elementary" on my website.

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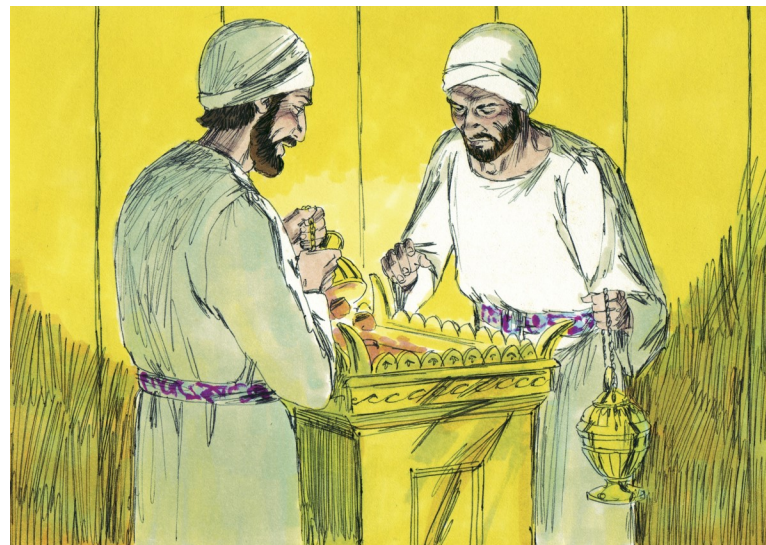
LEVITICUS



Chapters 1-7



Chapters 8-9



Chapter 10

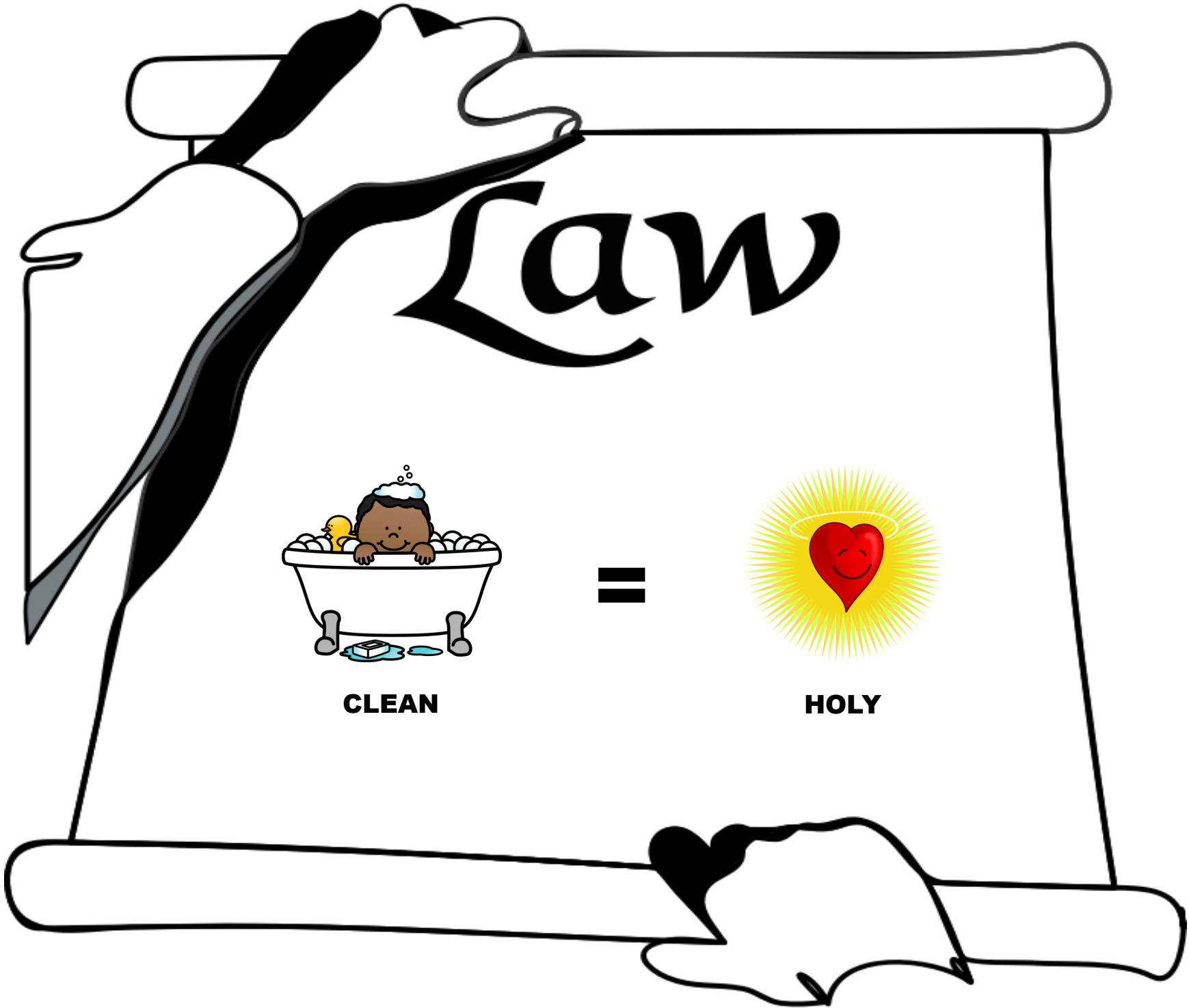
The last few lessons, we've been talking about the book of Leviticus. Leviticus is a book of laws or instructions for the priests, who were from what tribe? (*Levi*) Do you see the word "Levi" in the word "Leviticus"?

The first 7 chapters discussed all the different sacrifices that the priests would make. Do you remember the names of two of the sacrifices we talked about? (*Burnt Offering, Grain Offering*)

In chapters 8-9, we learned about the process by which Aaron and his sons were anointed as priests. What was special about Aaron? (*He was High Priest, only he could enter the Most Holy Place once a year, he wore a special breastplate*)

Then in chapter 10, we had a sad story about two of Aaron's sons who didn't obey God. What were their names? (*Nadab and Abihu*) Who can tell me what happened to Nadab and Abihu? (*They used profane fire to burn incense to God and God devoured them with fire because they didn't obey.*)

Today we are going to learn about some laws concerning animals.



Law



CLEAN

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HOLY

After Nadab and Abihu were struck dead, God gave additional instructions to the priests. He said:

“Do not drink wine or strong drink, neither you nor your sons, when you go into the Tabernacle, lest you die. This shall be a statute (*law*) forever throughout your generations, **that you may distinguish between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean**, and that you may teach the children of Israel all the statutes (*laws*) which the Lord has spoken to them by Moses.”

God is connecting clean things with being holy and unclean things with being unholy. But what does it mean to be holy? (*set apart, righteous, godly*) Why does God want the Israelites to be holy? (*answers may vary*)

God tells us why in Leviticus 11:45. It says:

“For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”

God wants the Israelites to be like Him and to be His people. They are supposed to be “set apart” or different from all the other nations around them. One part of being holy was to stay away from animals that were considered unclean. God divided the animals into four different categories. Let’s look at the first group which was land animals.

CLEAN LAND ANIMALS

Land animals that chew the cud and split the hoof



UNCLEAN LAND ANIMALS

Land animals that do NOT chew the cud and split the hoof

*(Give each student a baggie of cut out animals, the **LAND** animals page, and a glue stick)*

Leviticus 11:2-3 says this:

“These are the animals which you may eat among all the animals that are on the earth: whatever divides the hoof and chews the cud—that you may eat.”

Have you ever seen the hoof of a cow or a horse? This is a picture of a cow’s hooves. They are split or divided. A horse does not have a split hoof like this.

Do you know what it means to “chew the cud”? These are plant eating animals that will rechew food that has been previously digested. In other words, they swallow their food, then they spit it up again into their mouths and chew it again before swallowing it a second or third time.

Let’s look at all your **GREEN** animals and pick out which ones God said were clean and which ones are unclean. *(Velcro each animal on your paper as students glue theirs)*

Cow—Clean

Pig—Unclean

Goat—Clean

Rabbit—Unclean

Horse—Unclean

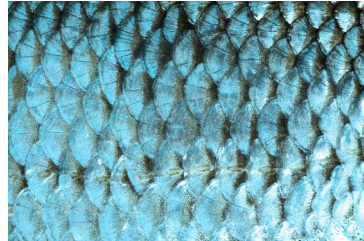
Sheep—Clean

Lion—Unclean

Snake—Unclean

CLEAN SEA ANIMALS

Sea animals that have fins and scales



UNCLEAN SEA ANIMALS

Sea animals that do NOT have fins and scales

*(Give each student the **SEA** animals page)*

Leviticus 11:9 says this:

“These you may eat of all that are in the water: whatever is in the water that has fins and scales, whether in the seas or in the rivers—that you may eat.”

Let’s look at all your **BLUE** animals and pick out which ones God said were clean and which ones are unclean. *(Velcro each animal on your paper as students glue theirs)*

Bass—Clean

Octopus—Unclean

Cod—Clean

Seahorse—Unclean

Crab—Unclean

Seal—Unclean

Dolphin—Unclean

Tuna—Clean

CLEAN WINGED ANIMALS

UNCLEAN WINGED ANIMALS

(Give each student the **WINGED** animals page)

Now God doesn't give a certain criteria for distinguishing which birds are clean. Instead, He lists all the unclean birds. So, if it's not in this list, that means it must be... ? *(Clean)*

Here's the list of unclean birds in Leviticus 11:13-19:

“And these you shall regard as unclean among the birds: the eagle, the vulture, the buzzard, the kite, and the falcon; every raven, the ostrich, the owl, the sea gull, and the hawk; the jackdaw, and the carrion vulture; the stork, the heron, the hoopoe, and the bat.”

Let's look at all your **YELLOW** animals and pick out which ones God said were unclean. Then whatever is left should be clean. *(Velcro each animal on your paper as students glue theirs)*

Bat—Unclean

Vulture—Unclean

Pelican/Stork—Unclean

Chicken—Clean

Owl—Unclean

Duck—Clean

Ostrich—Unclean

Quail/Pheasant—Clean

CLEAN INSECTS

Flying insects with jointed, jumping legs



UNCLEAN INSECTS

Insects WITHOUT jointed, jumping legs

*(Give each student the **INSECTS** page)*

God distinguishes some clean insects in Leviticus 11:21. It says:

“Yet these you may eat among all the winged insects that walk on all fours*: those which have jointed legs above their feet with which to jump on the earth.”

So insects that have wings and jointed legs for jumping are ok to eat. Have you ever eaten a grasshopper? I don't think I want to try that!

Let's look at all your **RED** insects and find the ones God said were clean. *(Velcro each animal on your paper as students glue theirs)*

Ant—Unclean

Grasshopper—Clean

Butterfly—Unclean

Ladybug—Unclean

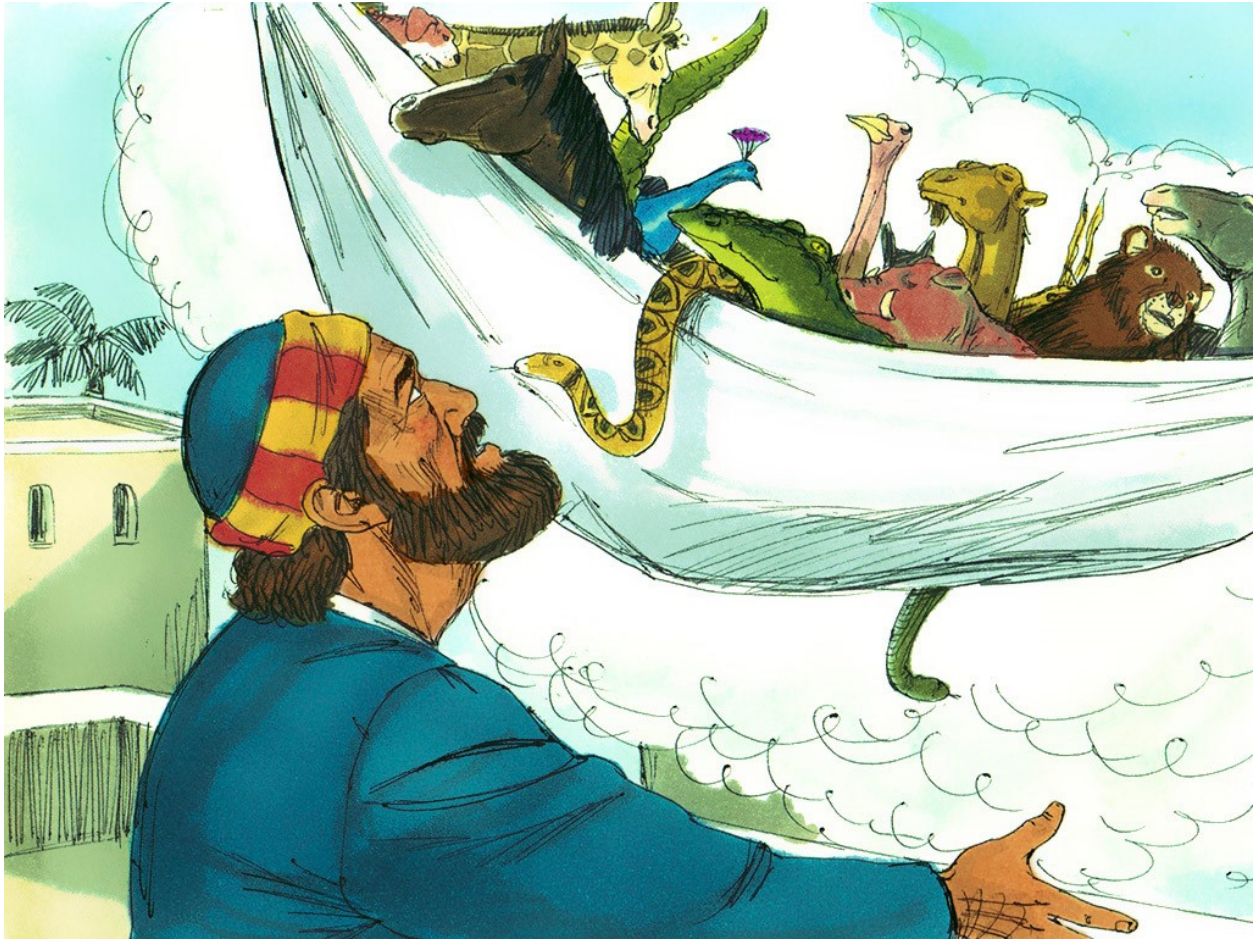
Caterpillar—Unclean

Locust—Clean

Cricket—Clean

Spider—Unclean

**If a student says insects have 6 legs not 4...I think the Bible is distinguishing between the front 4 legs for walking and the back 2 legs for jumping, that's a total of 6 legs.*












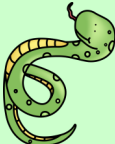





The rest of Leviticus 11 talks about what the Israelites should do if they have to carry an unclean animal or touch a dead animal. If that happened, they were supposed to wash their clothes and they would be considered unclean until evening.

Are we still under this law today? (No)

Do you know the story in Acts 10 about Peter's vision with the sheet full of unclean animals? Peter heard a voice from heaven saying, "Arise, kill and eat." But Peter, being a Jew, said, "No, I've never eaten anything unclean." And then the voice said to him, "What God has cleansed you must not call unclean."

Colossians 2 also tells us that the Old Law of Moses was nailed to the cross with Jesus. We are under the New Testament law now, so we can eat these animals that were considered unclean in the Old Testament...although I still don't think I want to eat some of them, do you?

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