Lastly we learn that God's people needed a faithful priest...

Aaron the priest (and his other sons) had to be totally committed to the Lord. How can we tell?

What were they NOT allowed to do?

God gave them a special job to do. They needed to help God's people learn about being holy and to obey God's Word.

Being holy is important because...

Obeying God is important because...

A prayer:

Heavenly Father, You are a holy God. Thank you for forgiving me and changing me. Help me to worship you and love you.

Amen.

Open your Bibles. Listen carefully to our reading. It's Leviticus 9:22 - 10:11.

Think:

This is a true Bible story. How does it make you feel?

Aaron's sons died in the fire. Where did the fire come from?

From _____

The Bible wants us to know God better.

It says things like this from Hebrews 12:29...

"let us offer God acceptable ______,
with reverence and awe,
for our God is a consuming ______.

Aaron's sons: what was their sin?

It's hard to know what they did wrong. But the end of verse 1 tells us they did something that...

"he had	commanded them

They disobeyed God's Word. They ignored God's commands about how to worship him. God cares so much about how we worship. That's why in the 10 commandments he says that...

we are not to	worship
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God cares that we ONLY worship HIM.

AND

God cares that we worship HIM in the way that HE wants us to.

What did the Lord do?

In verse 2 we read that the Lord consumed the men with fire. It's hard to imagine what this must have been like. But we have all seen a fire...

Draw a flame		

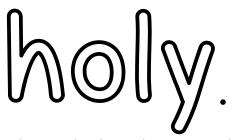
Normal fire can be good... or it can be terrifying.

God's fire can be WONDERFUL - if you're friends with Him. But it is SCARY if you are not.

Verse 3 tells us why the Lord's scary fire broke out. It uses two tricky words. They're really important. We're going to try to understand one of them. The Lord did this because He wanted to be...

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This is about the Lord being...



This is what God is like - he is special.

No one is like Him.

Is anyone as kind as Him?
Or as strong as Him?
Or as wise as Him?

Yes or no?		
	Yes or no?	

He wants people to treat Him as the special and wonderful God that he is. He wants YOU to love Him and worship Him too.