

Be  
Human

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# Leviticus 19:1-2

## Various Laws

**“The Lord said to Moses, 2 “Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: ‘Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy.**



# Holiness

to be set apart

# Explain

- ▶ What happens when you put one rotten tomato inside a basket full of good tomatoes?
- ▶ Can you join together with people who are rotten and remain unrotten yourself?
- ▶ What are some things that will make you common, ordinary, unholy?

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# Leviticus 19:3

## Various Laws

**“Each of you must  
respect your mother  
and father, and you  
must observe my  
Sabbaths. I am the  
Lord your God.**

# Explain

- ▶ Can you see God?
- ▶ Can you see your parents?
- ▶ When you do not respect your parents whom you can see, can you respect God whom you cannot see?



# Sabbath

a weekly day of rest and worship

# Explain

- ▶ Should you be too busy to do things that will help you to grow?

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# Leviticus 19:4

## Various Laws

**“Do not turn to idols or  
make metal gods for  
yourselves. I am the  
Lord your God.**



# Idol

a picture or object that is worshipped as a god

# Explain

- ▶ Will you grow or die when you worship anything else apart from God?
- ▶ Will you grow or die when you worship God?
- ▶ What do you become when you worship God?

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# Leviticus 19:9-10

## Various Laws

**“** *When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest.*

**“Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the Lord your God.**

# Meanings

## reap

to cut and collect (a plant, crop, etc.) from a field

## harvest

the season when crops are gathered from the fields or the activity of gathering crops

## gleanings

grain, etc., that is gathered

## foreigner

a person who is from a country that is not your own

## vineyard

a field where grapes are grown

## edge

the line or part where an object or area begins or ends

# Explain

- ▶ When you plant a crop, who makes it grow?
- ▶ When you harvest all your crops, will there be food for the poor or stranger?

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# Leviticus 19:11

Various Laws

**“**  
*Do not steal.  
Do not lie.  
Do not deceive one  
another.*

# Explain

- ▶ In what way can you steal?
- ▶ In what way can you lie?
- ▶ In what way can you deceive someone?
- ▶ Are you human when you do all these things?

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# Leviticus 19:12

Various Laws

**“Do not swear falsely  
by my name and so  
profane the name of  
your God. I am the  
Lord.**



# Profane

having or showing disrespect  
for religious things

# Explain

- ▶ How do you swear falsely by God's name?
- ▶ Are you human when you are profane?

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# Leviticus 19:13

## Various Laws

**“Do not defraud or rob  
your neighbor.**

***Do not hold back the  
wages of a hired  
worker overnight.***

# Meanings

## defraud

to trick or cheat someone or something in order to get money

## wage

an amount of money that a worker is paid based on the number of hours, days, etc., that are worked

# Explain

- ▶ How can you defraud someone?
- ▶ How do you hold back the wages of a hired worker?
- ▶ What could go wrong when you hold back the wages of a hired worker overnight?

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# Leviticus 19:14

## Various Laws

**“Do not curse the deaf  
or put a stumbling  
block in front of the  
blind, but fear your  
God. I am the Lord.**

# Meanings

**deaf**

not able to hear

**stumbling block**

something that stops you from doing what you want to do

**curse**

an offensive word that people say when they are angry

# Explain

- ▶ How do you curse the deaf?
- ▶ How do you put a stumbling block in front of the blind?
- ▶ What does it mean to fear God?

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# Leviticus 19:15

Various Laws

**“Do not pervert justice;  
do not show  
partiality to the poor  
or favoritism to the  
great, but judge your  
neighbor fairly.**

# Meanings

## pervert

to change (something good) so that it is no longer what it was or should be

## justice

the quality of being fair or just

## partiality

an unfair tendency to treat one person, group, or thing better than another

## favoritism

the unfair practice of treating some people better than others

# Explain

- ▶ How do you pervert justice?
- ▶ How do you show partiality to the poor or the great?
- ▶ In what ways can you show fairness to your neighbor?

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# Leviticus 19:16

## Various Laws

**“***Don’t spread gossip  
and rumors.  
  
Do not do anything  
that puts your  
neighbor’s life in  
danger. I am the Lord.*

# Meanings

## gossip

a person who often talks about the private details of other people's lives

## rumor

information or a story that is passed from person to person but has not been proven to be true

# Explain

- ▶ How do you spread rumors or gossip?
- ▶ What can go wrong when you spread rumors and gossip about someone?
- ▶ In what way can you put your neighbor's life in danger?

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# Leviticus 19:17

Various Laws

**“***Don’t secretly hate your neighbor. If you have something against him, get it out into the open; otherwise, you are an accomplice in his guilt.*

# Meanings

## secret

kept hidden from others :  
known to only a few people

## accomplice

a person who works with or  
helps someone who is  
doing something wrong or  
illegal

## guilt

a bad feeling caused by  
knowing or thinking that  
you have done something  
bad or wrong

# Explain

- ▶ How can you secretly hate your neighbor?
- ▶ Will your neighbor be able to change anything when they do not know that they have offended you?

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# Leviticus 19:18

## Various Laws

**“***Don’t seek revenge or  
carry a grudge  
against any of your  
people.*

*Love your neighbor as  
yourself. I am God.*

# Meanings

## revenge

the act of doing something to hurt someone because that person did something that hurt you

## grudge

a strong feeling of anger toward someone that lasts for a long time

# Explain

- ▶ How can you bear a grudge against another person?
- ▶ In what ways can you love your neighbor as yourself?

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# Leviticus 19:19

## Various Laws

**“Keep my decrees.  
Do not mate different  
kinds of animals.  
Do not plant your field  
with two kinds of seed.  
Do not wear clothing  
woven of two kinds of  
material.**

# Meanings

## decree

to order or decide (something) in an official way

## mate

of animals : to have sexual activity in order to produce young

## weave

to make something (such as cloth) by crossing threads or other long pieces of material over and under each other

# Explain

- ▶ What does it mean to keep the decrees of God?
- ▶ How do you mate different kinds of animals?
- ▶ When is clothing woven of two different materials?

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# Leviticus 19:26

## Various Laws

**“Do not eat any meat  
with the blood still in  
it.**

***Do not practice  
divination or seek  
omens.***

# Meanings

## divination

the practice of using signs (such as an arrangement of tea leaves or cards) or special powers to predict the future

## omens

something that is believed to be a sign or warning of something that will happen in the future

# Explain

- ▶ How do you make sure that the meat you eat does not have blood in it?
- ▶ In what ways do people practice divinations and omens?
- ▶ Is there such a thing as luck, or do you only reap what you sow?

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# Leviticus 19:27

## Various Laws

**“Do not cut the hair at  
the sides of your head  
or clip off the edges of  
your beard.**

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# Leviticus 19:28

Various Laws

**“Do not cut your bodies  
for the dead or put  
tattoo marks on  
yourselves. I am the  
Lord.**



# Tattoo

a picture, word, etc., that is drawn on a person's skin by using a needle and ink

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# Leviticus 19:29

## Various Laws

**“Do not degrade your daughter by making her a prostitute, or the land will turn to prostitution and be filled with wickedness.**

# Meanings

## prostitute

a person who has sex with someone in exchange for money

## degrade

to treat (someone or something) poorly and without respect

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# Leviticus 19:30

## Various Laws

**“Observe my Sabbaths  
and have reverence for  
my sanctuary. I am the  
Lord.**

# Meanings

## reverence

honor or respect that is felt for or shown to (someone or something)

## sanctuary

a place where someone or something is protected or given shelter

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# Leviticus 19:31

Various Laws

**“Do not turn to  
mediums or seek out  
spiritists, for you will  
be defiled by them. I  
am the Lord your God.**

# Meanings

## medium

a person who claims to be able to communicate with the spirits of dead people

## spiritist

a person who claims to be able to speak with the dead

## defile

to make (something) dirty

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# Leviticus 19:32

## Various Laws

**“Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord.**



# Aged

having lived or existed for a long time; very old.

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# Leviticus 19:33-34

## Various Laws

**“When a foreigner lives  
with you in your land,  
don’t take advantage of  
him. Treat the foreigner  
the same as a native. Love  
him like one of your own.  
Remember that you were  
once foreigners in Egypt. I  
am God, your God.**



# Native

used to refer to the place  
where a person was born and  
raised

# Explain

- ▶ In what ways can you treat a foreigner as somebody who was born where you live?
- ▶ In what way can you treat a foreigner as yourself?

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# Leviticus 19:35-36

## Various Laws

**“***Don’t cheat when measuring length, weight, or quantity. Use honest scales and weights and measures. I am God, your God. I brought you out of Egypt.*



# Cheat

to break a rule or law usually  
to gain an advantage at  
something

# Explain

- ▶ In what ways can you cheat when measuring length, weight, or quantity?

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# Leviticus 19:37

## Various Laws

**“‘Keep all my decrees  
and all my laws and  
follow them. I am the  
Lord.’**



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# Deuteronomy 15:1-3

The Year for Canceling Debts

**“ At the end of every seventh year, cancel all debts. This is the procedure: Everyone who has lent money to a neighbor writes it off.**

**“***You must not press your neighbor or his brother for payment: All-Debts-Are-Canceled—God says so. You may collect payment from foreigners, but whatever you have lent to your fellow Israelite you must write off.*

# Meanings

## debt

an amount of money that you owe to a person, bank, company, etc.

## procedure

a series of actions that are done in a certain way or order

## lend

to give (something) to (someone) to be used for a period of time and then returned

## press

to push (something) with strong or steady force

## foreigner

a person who is from a country that is not your own

## write off

cancel the record of a bad debt

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# Deuteronomy 15:7-9

The Year for Canceling Debts

**“When you happen on someone who’s in trouble or needs help among your people with whom you live in this land that God, your God, is giving you, don’t look the other way pretending you don’t see him.**

**“Don’t keep a tight grip  
on your purse. No.  
Look at him, open your  
purse, lend whatever  
and as much as he  
needs. Don’t count the  
cost.**

**“Don’t listen to that selfish voice saying, “It’s almost the seventh year, the year of All-Debts-Are-Canceled,” and turn aside and leave your needy neighbor in the lurch, refusing to help him. He’ll call God’s attention to you and your blatant sin.**

# Meanings

## pretend

to act as if something is true when it is not true

## grip

to grab or hold (something) tightly

## lend

to give (something) to (someone) to be used for a period of time and then returned

## selfish

having or showing concern only for yourself and not for the needs or feelings of other people

## lurch

to make a sudden sideways or forward motion

## blatant

very obvious and offensive

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# Deuteronomy 15:10-11

The Year for Canceling Debts

**“Give freely and spontaneously. Don’t have a stingy heart. The way you handle matters like this triggers God, your God’s, blessing in everything you do, all your work and ventures.**

**“There are always going  
to be poor and needy  
people among you. So I  
command you: Always  
be generous, open  
purse and hands, give  
to your neighbors in  
trouble, your poor and  
hurting neighbors.**

# Meanings

## spontaneous

done or said in a natural and often sudden way and without a lot of thought or planning

## venture

to start to do something new or different that usually involves risk

## stingy

not liking or wanting to give or spend money

## generous

freely giving or sharing money and other valuable things

## trigger

something that causes something else to happen

## hurting

to have many problems



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# Deuteronomy 22:1-2

## Various Laws

“ *If you see your  
kinsman’s ox or sheep  
wandering off loose,  
don’t look the other  
way as if you didn’t see  
it.*

**“Return it promptly. If your fellow Israelite is not close by or you don’t know whose it is, take the animal home with you and take care of it until your fellow asks about it.**

**“***Then return it to him.  
Do the same if it’s his  
donkey or a piece of  
clothing or anything  
else your fellow  
Israelite loses. Don’t  
look the other way as if  
you didn’t see it.*

# Meanings

**kinsman**

a male relative

**wander**

to move around or go to different places usually without having a particular purpose or direction

**promptly**

exactly at a particular or the correct time

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# Deuteronomy 22:4

## Various Laws

**“If you see your fellow’s  
donkey or ox injured  
along the road, don’t  
look the other way.  
Help him get it up and  
on its way.**



# Injured

physically hurt or harmed

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# Deuteronomy 22:5

## Various Laws

“*A woman must not wear a man’s clothing, nor a man wear women’s clothing. This kind of thing is an abomination to God, your God.*



# Abomination

something that causes disgust or hatred

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Proverbs 6:32

“*But a man who  
commits adultery has  
no sense;  
whoever does so  
destroys himself.*



# Adultery

sex between a married person and someone who is not that person's wife or husband

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# Deuteronomy 22:8

## Various Laws

“When you build a new house, make a parapet around your roof to make it safe so that someone doesn’t fall off and die and your family become responsible for the death.

# Meanings

## parapet

a low wall at the edge of a platform, roof, or bridge

## responsible

used to describe the person or thing that causes something to happen

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# Deuteronomy 22:9

## Various Laws

**“** *Don’t plant two kinds of seed in your vineyard. If you do, you will forfeit what you’ve sown, the total production of the vineyard.*

# Meanings

## vineyard

a field where grapes are grown

## forfeit

to lose or give up (something) as a punishment or because of a rule or law

## production

the process of making or growing something for sale or use

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# Deuteronomy 22:10

## Various Laws

**“***Don’t plow with an ox  
and a donkey yoked  
together.*

# Meanings

## plow

a piece of farm equipment that is used to dig into and turn over soil especially to prepare the soil for planting

## yoke

a bar or frame that is attached to the heads or necks of two work animals (such as oxen) so that they can pull a plow or heavy load

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# Deuteronomy 22:11

## Various Laws

**“***Don't wear clothes of  
mixed fabrics, wool  
and linen together.*

# Meanings

fabric

woven or knitted material

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# Deuteronomy 22:12

## Various Laws

**“***Make tassels on the  
four corners of the  
cloak you use to cover  
yourself.*

# Meanings

## cloak

a piece of clothing that is used as a coat, that has no sleeves, and that is worn over the shoulders and attached at the neck

## tassels

a decoration made of a bunch of strings fastened at one end



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# Deuteronomy 23:1

Exclusion From the Assembly

**“***No eunuch is to enter  
the congregation of  
God.*

# Meanings

## eunuch

a man who has had his sexual organs removed

## congregation

the people who are attending a religious service

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# Deuteronomy 23:1

Exclusion From the Assembly

**“No bastard is to enter  
the congregation of  
God, even to the tenth  
generation, nor any of  
his children.**

# Explain

- ▶ Should you marry before having children if you do not want them to become bastards?

# Meanings

## bastard

a person whose parents were not married to each other

## congregation

the people who are attending a religious service

## generation

a group of people born and living during the same time

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# **Exodus 23:13**

## Sabbath Laws

**“Be careful to do everything I have said to you. Do not invoke the names of other gods; do not let them be heard on your lips.**



# Invoke

to mention (someone or something)



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# Deuteronomy 23:19- 20

Miscellaneous Laws

**“Do not charge a fellow  
Israelite interest,  
whether on money or  
food or anything else  
that may earn interest.**

**“***You may charge a  
foreigner interest, but  
not a fellow Israelite,  
so that the Lord your  
God may bless you in  
everything you put  
your hand to in the  
land you are entering  
to possess.*

# Meanings

## interest

the money paid by a borrower for the use of borrowed money

## earn

to deserve or get (something) because of something you have done

## foreigner

a person who is from a country that is not your own

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# Deuteronomy 24:6

## Miscellaneous Laws

**“***Don’t seize a handmill  
or an upper millstone  
as collateral for a loan.  
You’d be seizing  
someone’s very life.*

# Meanings

## seize

to get or take (something) in a forceful, sudden, or violent way

## collateral

something that you promise to give someone if you cannot pay back a loan

## handmill

a mill for grinding grain, pepper, coffee, etc. worked by hand as distinguished from those driven by steam, water, or other power.

## loan

an amount of money that is given to someone for a period of time with a promise that it will be paid back : an amount of money that is borrowed

## millstone

either one of two large, flat, round stones that are used for grinding grain in a mill

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# Deuteronomy 24:10-13

Miscellaneous Laws

**“When you make a loan  
of any kind to your  
neighbor, don’t enter  
his house to claim his  
pledge. Wait outside.  
Let the man to whom  
you made the pledge  
bring the pledge to you  
outside.**

**“And if he is destitute,  
don’t use his cloak as a  
bedroll; return it to him  
at nightfall so that he  
can sleep in his cloak  
and bless you. In the  
sight of God, your God,  
that will be viewed as a  
righteous act.**

# Meanings

## destitute

extremely poor

## pledge

a serious promise or agreement

## bedroll

bedding materials that are rolled together so that they can be carried from one place to another

## cloak

a piece of clothing that is used as a coat, that has no sleeves, and that is worn over the shoulders and attached at the neck

## righteous

morally good

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# Deuteronomy 24:14-15

Miscellaneous Laws

**“Don’t abuse a laborer  
who is destitute and  
needy, whether he is a  
fellow Israelite or  
foreigner living in your  
land and in your city.**

**“Pay him at the end of each workday; he’s living from hand to mouth and needs it now. If you hold back his pay, he’ll protest to God and you’ll have sin on your books.**

# Meanings

## abuse

to treat (a person or animal) in a harsh or harmful way

## laborer

a person who does hard physical work for money

## destitute

extremely poor

## protest

to show or express strong disagreement with or disapproval of something

## foreigner

a person who is from a country that is not your own

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# Deuteronomy 24:17

## Miscellaneous Laws

**“***Make sure foreigners  
and orphans get their  
just rights. Don’t take  
the cloak of a widow as  
security for a loan.*

# Meanings

## foreigner

a person who is from a country that is not your own

## orphan

a child whose parents are dead

## just

agreeing with what is considered morally right or good

## cloak

a piece of clothing that is used as a coat, that has no sleeves, and that is worn over the shoulders and attached at the neck

## widow

a woman whose husband has died

## loan

an amount of money that is given to someone for a period of time with a promise that it will be paid back



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# Leviticus 18:6

## Unlawful Sexual Relations

**“***No one is to approach  
any close relative to  
have sexual relations. I  
am the Lord.*

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# Leviticus 18:7

## Unlawful Sexual Relations

**“Do not dishonor your father by having sexual relations with your mother. She is your mother; do not have relations with her.**

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# Leviticus 18:8

## Unlawful Sexual Relations

**“Do not have sexual relations with your father’s wife; that would dishonor your father.**



# Dishonor

to cause (someone or something) to no longer be respected

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# Leviticus 18:9

## Unlawful Sexual Relations

**“Do not have sexual relations with your sister, either your father’s daughter or your mother’s daughter, whether she was born in the same home or elsewhere.**

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# Leviticus 18:10

## Unlawful Sexual Relations

**“Do not have sexual relations with your son’s daughter or your daughter’s daughter; that would dishonor you.**



# Dishonor

to cause (someone or something) to no longer be respected

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# Leviticus 18:11

## Unlawful Sexual Relations

**“Do not have sexual relations with the daughter of your father’s wife, born to your father; she is your sister.**

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# Leviticus 18:12

## Unlawful Sexual Relations

**“Do not have sexual relations with your father’s sister; she is your father’s close relative.**

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# Leviticus 18:13

## Unlawful Sexual Relations

**“Do not have sexual relations with your mother’s sister, because she is your mother’s close relative.**

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# Leviticus 18:14

## Unlawful Sexual Relations

**“Do not dishonor your father’s brother by approaching his wife to have sexual relations; she is your aunt.**



# Dishonor

to cause (someone or something) to no longer be respected

10

# Leviticus 18:15

## Unlawful Sexual Relations

**“Do not have sexual relations with your daughter-in-law. She is your son’s wife; do not have relations with her.**

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# Leviticus 18:16

## Unlawful Sexual Relations

**“Do not have sexual relations with your brother’s wife; that would dishonor your brother.**



# Dishonor

to cause (someone or something) to no longer be respected

12

# Leviticus 18:17

## Unlawful Sexual Relations

**“Do not have sexual relations with both a woman and her daughter. Do not have sexual relations with either her son’s daughter or her daughter’s daughter; they are her close relatives. That is wickedness.**



# Wicked

very bad or unpleasant

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# Leviticus 18:18

## Unlawful Sexual Relations

**“Do not take your wife’s  
sister as a rival wife  
and have sexual  
relations with her  
while your wife is  
living.**



# Rival

a person or thing that tries to defeat or be more successful than another

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# Leviticus 18:19

## Unlawful Sexual Relations

**“Do not approach a woman to have sexual relations during the uncleanness of her monthly period.**

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# Leviticus 18:20

## Unlawful Sexual Relations

**“Do not have sexual relations with your neighbor’s wife and defile yourself with her.**



# Defile

to make (something) dirty

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# Leviticus 18:22

## Unlawful Sexual Relations

**“Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable.**



# Detestable

causing or deserving strong  
dislike

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# Leviticus 18:23

## Unlawful Sexual Relations

**“Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it; that is a perversion.**

# Meanings

**defile**

to make (something) dirty

**perversion**

something that improperly changes something good

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# Leviticus 18:24-25

## Unlawful Sexual Relations

**“Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled.**

“*Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants.*

# Meanings

**defile**

to make (something) dirty

**inhabitant**

a person or animal that  
lives in a particular place

# Explain

- ▶ How does the land vomit out those who defile it?

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# Leviticus 18:28

## Unlawful Sexual Relations

**“And if you defile the land, it will vomit you out as it vomited out the nations that were before you.**



# Defile

to make (something) dirty

# Explain

- ▶ How do you know that the person you are going to have sexual relations with is not a close relative and does not break any of the above laws?



