

Lesson 15

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Kids

What did God require of Israel to fulfill God's forever plan for them?
God required Israel to love Him more than anything and be holy as He is holy.

Read aloud: Deuteronomy 6:1-25

Recommended Illustration

This one is easy. Instruct your kids to paint an ocean, but give them only a red crayon. Try as they may, they'll find it difficult to paint a convincing ocean without the color blue. In the same way, we might rigidly keep many of God's rules, but unless we are miraculously empowered to love one another, we'll never represent him as he really is. We'll never become the people he's called us to be.

Helpful Insights

If you want to paint an ocean, you're going to need blue paint. In the same way, if Israel is to fulfill God's forever plan of blessing all of creation, they're going to need to be loving and holy like God.

We already know that only Torah can make Israel a special possession. We know that only Torah can give life and teach and train Israel in God's ways. What we haven't learned together is just how this works.

Let's be honest. Have you ever heard of a rule that could really do that sort of work inside you? The answer isn't as simple as it seems. The truth is that

performing loving acts does not have the power to make us a truly loving person.

Torah's role, rather, is to restrain God's people, to train their conscience, and to teach them their great need for God's forgiveness and mercy. Only Jesus, we'll learn, can transform us into those who truly love God and one another.

The Point

A Christian is someone who has been supernaturally enabled to love God. Jesus does this when by faith in the Gospel we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. This awakens in us a desire and an ability to love our Maker and those around us. Invite your kids to consider placing their faith in Christ today.

