

Lesson 18

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Kids

**How was the hope of Torah fulfilled?
Jesus came to be the true Torah: the Way,
the Truth, the Life.**

Read aloud: John 6:20-23

Recommended Illustration

Torah is a beautiful gift. The problem is that Israel had no real idea how to use it, and no ability to obey it. To illustrate this point, I want you to help kids see their need for Jesus.

We all know that a cleaning product is only as good as the person using it. Grab a lot of cleaning supplies and allow your kids to tell you all about them. Ask them what each product is for, what it does, which items it might clean, and how to use it. Next, ask them about their experience using these things.

After you've had this fun conversation about cleaning products, help the kids understand that a cleaning product is only as useful as the skills of the one using it. No matter how many products we have for cleaning, those products will never make us into a mom or a dad.

The same is true of Torah. Although it describes beautifully the life God desires for and requires from his people, it will never make them godly. Only Jesus can do that, and he does so by sending his Spirit to write Torah on our hearts.

Helpful Insights

God gave Israel enormous blessing and made them His most treasured possession by giving them His Torah. Even so, Israel remained human, born of Adam, and all the laws in the world would not make them any less human. We all know what it means to be born of Adam. Those who are born of Adam would rather do their own will than obey God completely.

In order for Israel to really respond the right way to God's blessing they would need new hearts, with God's Torah inscribed upon them.

Jesus came as the true and living Torah to make this not just a possibility but a reality. Torah is God's instruction to God's people. The keeping of it is teaches them to love one another and their God.

The Point

Jesus is the only one who could keep Torah perfectly. He is the only one who does the good and perfect work of Torah. He is God's instruction to God's people and through the Holy Spirit he makes us like God in our love for one another and our love for him. By placing our faith in Christ, we place our hope in the person who perfectly obeys God's instruction and includes us as part of God's blessed people—those who have torah on our hearts.

