

# ★ The Purpose of the Law

1st - 3rd Grade  
Lesson 6

## Guilty Before God

Paul was a missionary. He went from city to city to tell people how to be saved. He also wrote letters to churches in different cities. One letter he wrote was to the church in the city of Rome. You can read that letter in the Bible. It is the book of Romans. Romans has some important lessons for us to learn.

### God's Law Is Just

Do you remember God's servant, Moses? God chose Moses to lead His people out of Egypt to their own land. As they walked through the desert to their new home, God gave them some rules or laws.

Do you have laws, or rules, at school? Your teacher probably has a rule that you should not talk without permission. Does anyone in your class ever break that rule? The truth is that we have all broken a rule at some time in our lives. That is because we are all sinners (Romans 3:23). Without rules, we all do what we want to do instead of what God wants us to do.

So God gave His people laws. There are a few things we need to know about God's law.

*Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.*

—Romans 7:12

First, God's law is good and holy, just like He is. The word *just* means "right." Second, God gave His law to show us that we are all sinners. Rules in your classroom let you know what you can and cannot do. God's law shows us what is right and what is sin.

*By the law is the knowledge of sin.*

—Romans 3:20

We know it is wrong to steal because God's Word says, "Thou shalt not steal" (Exodus 20:15).

After God gave His law to His people, He gave them a way to pay for their sins. He told them how to make sacrifices for their sins. These sacrifices could not take away their sins. The sacrifices just proved that the people believed that God would someday send Jesus to pay for their sins. Romans 3:25 says that God made Jesus "to be a propitiation through faith in his blood." The word *propitiation* means "payment." Jesus' blood is the payment for our sin.

### God Is Just and Justifier

The reason God's Word is just and good and holy is because God is just and good and holy.

*The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.*

—Psalm 145:17

