

Sermon Guide

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sermon discussion **questions**

"A Priest With a Passing Grade"

- ▶ What was the job of the high priest?
- ▶ According to the law, how did someone become a high priest?
- ▶ What characteristics were crucial for this position?
- ▶ How does Jesus compare to human priests? Why did the writer of Hebrews choose to make this comparison?
- ▶ Why was it necessary for Jesus to experience trials and suffering?
- ▶ How does a high priest's weaknesses affect his attitude towards those he cares for? What application is there here for us?
- ▶ How should remembering our own sins and failures affect how we treat others?
- ▶ What does it mean to you that Jesus sympathizes with our weaknesses?
- ▶ In today's world, how do people attempt to connect with God in ways other than Jesus?
- ▶ Some people place their trust in human religious leaders. Others focus on actions, such as public service, church attendance, giving of their time, and contributing financially to good causes. All of these are based on human efforts that are ineffective. They attempt to do what Christ has already done. Jesus makes it possible for us to approach God with confidence.

preschool **questions**

- What is a priest? (A religious leader)
- What does a priest do? (Read Hebrews 5:1)
- Explain: A priest represents the people to God, offering sacrifices to God for the sins of the people.
- Read: Hebrews 5:1-10
 - Focus on v.10 and explain that Jesus is our High Priest offering a perfect sacrifice (himself w/o sin) for our sins. He also represents us to God when we accept Him as Savior.

elementary **questions**

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- What does a priest do? (Read Hebrews 5:1)
- Explain: A priest represents the people to God, offering sacrifices to God for the sins of the people.
- Read: Hebrews 5:1-10
 - Focus on v.9-10
- What kind of priest is Jesus? (v. 10 a high priest)
- Explain: Jesus is our High Priest, offering a perfect sacrifice (himself w/o sin) for our sins. He also represents us to God when we accept Him as Savior.

student **questions**

- What is a priest? (A religious leader)
- What does a priest do? (Read Hebrews 5:1)
- Explain: A priest represents the people to God, offering sacrifices to God for the sins of the people.
- Read: Hebrews 5:1-10
 - Focus on v. 9-10
- Who is Melchizedek? (Genesis 14:17-20)
- Jesus' priestly line goes all the way back to God's covenant with Abraham, who is the father of Israel.
- Explain: Jesus is our High Priest, offering a perfect sacrifice (himself w/o sin) for our sins. He also represents us to God when we accept Him as Savior.

