



Lesson 49a The Altar of Witness

Scriptural Basis:



Read Joshua 22, and consider how what starts out as a conflict resolves as a **BIG GIANT Spiritual High-Five** BECAUSE all parties acknowledge and proclaim their allegiance to God, and a desire for them and their descendants, to Love God only, and walk with Him, to hold fast to Him and serve Him with all their heart and soul (Josh. 22:5).

Overview:

This is a beautiful story of an expression of unity under God, because what starts out as a big conflict (the Western Tribes gearing up to go to war with the Eastern Tribes) ends up as a united proclamation of devotion to the ONE TRUE God (HINT: the phrase YHWW El Elohim, YHWH El Elohim, which transliterates roughly to (LORD God, God above all Gods) (2X)!!!! They seriously couldn't have been more emphatic!

The sad part is that though at that point in their history, Israel did desire to keep their promise to Love and Serve YHWH only. But over time that devotion waned and they rebelled by following other gods.

But the great news is, Jesus upheld our side of the promise and offers us victory over sin so that we CAN uphold our desire to Love God and serve only Him, by the Power of the Holy Spirit in us!

Things to consider:

Preparing for the lesson:

- A: Review the teacher page and handout for previous lesson(s)
- B: Read and meditate on Scripture
- C. Research/plan Lesson presentation:
- E. Research/plan Additional activity, craft and/or music:

Teaching the lesson:

- A: Review
- B: Pre-activity
 - Purpose
- C. Lesson presentation:
- E. Additional activity/craft: