



# **Religious Studies**

## **Caring for God's Creation: Leviticus Laws**

**Instructions:** Write these notes neatly in your Social Sciences notebook under the subject headed Religious Studies. Show them to me tomorrow and get your Class Dojo Points.

God gave the Leviticus laws to help people live peacefully with each another. The laws gave special attention to the poor, to orphans, to foreigners, and to those who were unable to earn a living. The laws stressed God's desire that all people be cared for and treated with compassion, no matter what their status in society. These laws extended to animals.

Many of the Leviticus laws are not relevant to society today. One of the laws states that if someone deliberately kills someone else he should be put to death. Today, it is not easy to execute someone, even if he/she has committed murder. We can however, apply the laws which limit vengeance and which encourage protection of foreigners, orphans and animals.

It is important to promote the need to care for people and animals in society. This is usually done by agencies and special groups in society. In The Bahamas, the Department of Social Services supervises the protection of special groups in society, especially children and the elderly. The Humane Society promotes the rights of animals. We can all do our part to encourage the protection and care of people and animals in society.

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