

# AARON'S BLESSING

## CENTRAL TRUTH

The Lord is gracious toward His people and is worthy of praise.

## KEY QUESTION

← **What do you think each part of the blessing means? What is God, through Moses and Aaron, speaking over His people?**

Through Aaron, God reminded the Israelites of His favor upon them. While there were material elements of the blessing, the blessing primarily emphasized the Lord's presence and movement among His people. God would establish His name among the Israelites and make them distinct from the surrounding nations.

## KEEP IN MIND

- Students may have heard the word "priest," but it will be important to take the time to elaborate on what a priest is and why it was a key role among the ancient Israelites. A priest served as a mediator (a go-between) between God and the Israelites. They not only presented offerings and sacrifices to the Lord in the tabernacle (and eventually the temple), but they instructed and taught the Israelite community.
- The word "blessing" is thrown around a lot in our culture—primarily in relationship to material benefits, great opportunities, and so on. Help students to see that while there are material elements of God's blessing toward His people, the greatest blessing is Himself! As believers, we must not forget the blessing and good news of the Lord's presence with us.

## APPLICATION

- This week, how can we be a blessing to others by showing them the Lord's grace and worthiness to be praised?**

## THE WIN

**FOR THE STUDENT:** To be reminded of God's grace and the ways the Lord has richly blessed us—primarily through the finished work of Christ.

**FOR THE LEADER:** As you teach this week's session, continually emphasize the Lord's grace toward us. Because of God's grace toward us, we're able to have a relationship with Him.

## 7 ARROWS

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↻ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?