

Listen carefully to the Bible reading
from Malachi 2 verse 1 to 9

Look at verse 1.

Who is Malachi speaking to here? _____

Malachi was giving them a message from who? _____

These verses today are all about what God thought about
the Priests. In fact, it is a bit like a school report!

Did you get a school report this year?

Have a look at the back page of the learning sheet. We are
going to find out what God thought about the priests. Then
we are going to write it in their school report.

First, at the top of the report, write who the report is
about (same as your answer to the very first question)

Next, let's find out what a good priest was supposed to be
like. Read verses 6 and 7 then complete the sentences
below.

1. A priest should speak the t_____

2. A priest should help
people turn away from _____

3. People should be able to come to a p_____ to hear
what _____ has to say to his people

Can you see the very last bit in verse 7? What is a
priest supposed to be?

4. A priest is supposed to be _____

This was a **very important** position!

It was a **very serious** thing if the priests were not doing
their job properly.

Turn back to the Priest's report. Can you see the section
saying "A priest is supposed to be:"?

Use some of your answers above to complete this part of
the report.

Now let's find out what these priests were really like.
Here are some of the things God says about them in verses
8 and 9:

1. "You have turned aside from the way"

What does this mean? Put a ✓ or a ✗ in the ☐

The priests were doing a really good job of
obeying God's law ☐

The priests stopped obeying God's law to do it
their own way ☐

2. "You have caused many to stumble"

When people obey God, it's like they are walking along a path together with God. But God says the priests were making people stumble or trip over!

What do you think this means? Can you write it in your own words?

The priests were _____

So what word would you use to describe how they did with...

...their Attitude? (a terrific attitude? terrible? excellent? ...)

...their students? (a good job helping people to obey God? abysmal? fabulous?)

...keeping God's ways: (amazing? disastrous? wonderful? horrendous?)

Write your answers in the report!

Now what did God want the priests to do? (Look at the beginning of verse 2) Write your answer to tell the priests in the report where it says '**Targets**'.

Can you see - this was a disaster! The priests were a failure!

God was showing his people they needed better priests.
And guess what? God was getting ready to do exactly that!

God was getting ready to send another

Messenger of the Lord

One who would perfectly speak God's true word

One who would be our Great High Priest

Who do you think this would be? _____

Have a chat with a grown up to see if they know too!

(Answer: find Hebrews 4v14)

