

Children's ministry resources & activities for groups & families exploring this week's theme.



## The Day of Atonement

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Leviticus (The Holiness of God) / Leviticus 16:1-34

# Holiness Section 1986



# The Day of Atonement

Leviticus 16:1-34



THIS SUNDAY 2nd November 2025 **BIBLE FOCUS** 

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#### **HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE**

**RUNSHEET** 

This resource has been written and produced by St Bart's Kids and we're delighted to be able to share this curriculum with you. We pray that it would be an amazing tool to aid teaching and learning occurring either at home or within your children's ministry setting.

This package is part of a series based on Leviticus. The items within this package all pertain to one session.

The tabs on this document will help guide the main sections that should be incorporated within a session. Within each section you will find modifications for different age/learning levels - look for the tags Early Childhood, Lower Primary, Middle Primary, and Upper

All of the items within If you have any questions or would like to know more about St Bart's Kids resources, please contact

#### **TIMING**

Welcome and play 15mins

Teaching Time (includes morning tea for Early Childhood) 15mins

Game (Kindy - Year 6 only) 10mins

Small Groups/Activities 20mins

Worship 10mins

Check-out

#### **MATERIALS**

Printout Worksheet #1 on card 

Sticky tape

Large paddlepop sticks 

Scissors

Printout Worksheet #2

Crayons / Coloured Pencils 

Large container Tov farm animals

Sand

Other sensory material such as: Artificial Grass. Rocks. Oats.

Plants/Flowers, etc

Coins - play money 

Bucket

Two bowls 

Masking tape Bubble wands

Paper

Clipboards

Lead pencils Paper towels

Felt pens

Bucket/dish of water

**Bibles** 

A3 Printout Worksheet #3 -

Venn Diagram

Pencils 

Index cards or similar

Masking Tape

#### **ADDITIONAL INFO**

This resource is the fourth in a six week series based on Leviticus



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#### THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

God forgives sin through a perfect sacrifice.

#### SERIES OVERVIEW

#### Leviticus

Leviticus describes how God graciously paved a way for his people to dwell in his presence, and points to how that would be ultimately fulfilled in Christ. Holiness is not only God's character, but a call for his people that can only be realised in him.

To the modern ear, many of the laws, rituals, purity demands, and sacrifices described in Leviticus can seem strange and unfamiliar—perhaps even out of place in light of the Gospel. But actually, Leviticus instructs us on the nature of atonement and how God would ultimately restore sinners to holiness through his costly provision for forgiveness.

In this six-part series, we'll explore: how God graciously provided a way for his unholy people to dwell with him; the call on God's people to live holy lives; and how God would ultimately provide a way in order that we might dwell with him forever.

#### MULTIMEDIA

- . SBK Kids Talk
- 2. <u>A Tale of Two Goats: The Story of the Day</u>
  of Atonement

#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Here are some resources we recommend for helping teach the Gospel to kids.

1. The Book of Leviticus (Libanus Church)

#### SONGS

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- 1. Only a Holy God
- 2. Forgiveness
- 3. You Forgive Me

#### SONGS PRIMARY

- 1. Only a Holy God
- 2. Forgiveness
- 3. <u>You Forgive Me</u>



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#### **FOCUS**

God forgives sin through a perfect sacrifice.

**ALL-IN TEACHING** 

#### **WARM-UPS**

- ☐ What is your favourite day of the year?
- ☐ How do you prepare to celebrate that day?

#### TEACHING TIME

#### The Day of Atonement

The Hebrew people had a very special day that they celebrated every year. It was called the Day of Atonement.

On this day, ALL the people to gather at the temple together. It was called the Day of Atonement and it was the day - every year - when God would forgive the sins of ALL the people.

The day began when, the high priest went into the most special part of the Temple, the place where God stayed

First he would make sure that everything in the temple was perfectly clean. Then he would make a gift (sacrifice) of a bull to God. This would be for his own sins and for the sins of his family. It was to say sorry to God for all the things they had done wrong.

Then the priest would take 2 goats that the people had brought, He would sacrifice one of the goats. In God's eyes, the death of the goat paid for all the sins that the people had committed. The priest would make everything clean inside the temple, while the people waited outside.

Then the priest brought the other goat outside to where the people were waiting. He'd place his hands on its head, confess to God all the sins of the people - and then send it into the desert., carrying the sins of the people. As the the goat disappeared, it was as if God was saying to his people: All your sins are forgiven.

No wonder the day of Atonement was so special: it meant that God who was holy could forgive his people who - like us - were sinful.

This happened every year. Year after year. *Until Jesus came*,

Thousands of years later, Jesus came from heaven to die on the cross,. When He did this, He paid the price for our sins: we should have been punished but He was punished instead.

Noe, we don't have to wait for a special day in the year to ask God to forgive us. We can talk to him any time and tell him we are sorry - and he will always forgive us. It will be as if our sins has disappeared just as that goat did.

That's how much God loves us. We needed someone to pay for our sins once and for all - and Jesus did.

#### APPLICATION QUESTIONS

#### 1. Early Childhood

How can we thank God for still loving us even though we do wrong things?

#### 2. Lower Primary

How can we thank God for still loving us even though we do wrong things?

#### 3. Middle Primary

How can we be sure that God forgives our sin?

#### 4. Upper Primary

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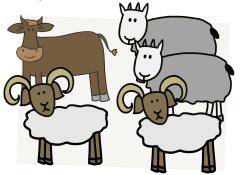


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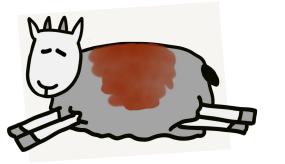


God said to Moses, "Tell your brother Aaron that one day every year will be a special day for forgiveness.

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On that day, Aaron must bring a bull and a ram to offer to me for his own sins. The people must bring two goats and a ram for their sins.



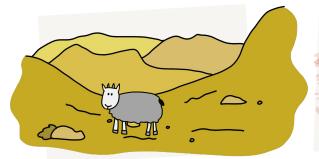
One goat will be sacrificed to pay for all the people's sins.





**Early Childhood** 

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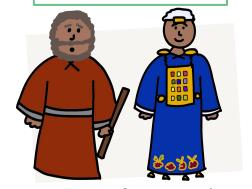
The other goat will have the people's sins placed on it, and it will be sent away into the desert, carrying their sins far away.

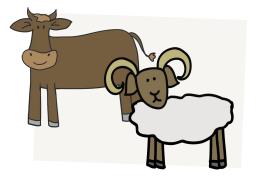
On that day, all the people will be made clean in my sight. Their sins will be forgiven.

This day will be a special holiday for you every year, a day to remember that I am the Lord who makes you clean."



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Ch 16 Vs1-2 After Aaron's two sons died, the Lord spoke to Moses. He said, "Tell Aaron that he cannot come into the Most Holy Room whenever he wants. He must only come when I tell him."

3-4 God said, "Aaron must bring a bull and a ram to offer as sacrifices for his sins and for his family's sins. He must wash himself carefully and put on the special clothes that I have given him."



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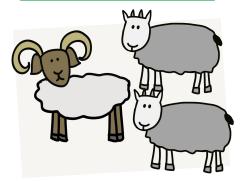
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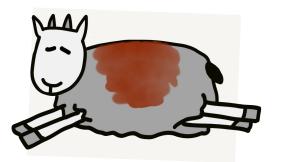
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**Lower Primary** 

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5-19 Then God said, "The people must bring two goats and a ram for their sins.



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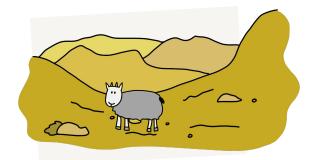
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The other goat will be sent away into the desert. That goat will carry away all the people's sins, far, far away.



20-28 Aaron must place his hands on the goat's head and tell me all the bad things the people have done, all the times they have disobeyed me. Then the goat will be led into the desert, taking their sins away."



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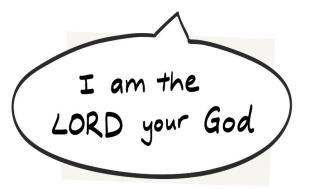
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29-33 God said, "This day will be a special day every year. It is called the Day of Atonement. On this day, the people's sins will be paid for. They will be made pure and clean from all their sins in my sight.



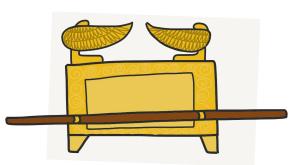
34 This special day will always remind you that I am the Lord who forgives and makes you clean."



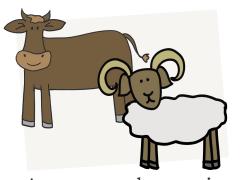
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Ch16 vs1-2 After Aaron's two sons died, the Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron not to come into the Most Holy Room just anytime he wants.



If he comes behind the curtain into my presence without being properly prepared, he will die.

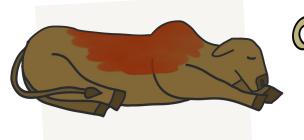


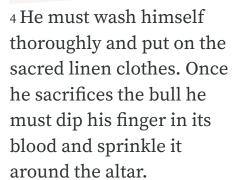
3 Aaron can only come in when he has brought the right sacrifices - a young bull and a ram. These are for his and his family's sins.

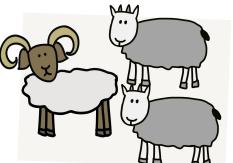


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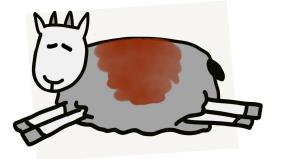
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5-6 The people must give him two male goats and a ram for their sins.



7-19 One goat is to be sacrificed for their sins. The other is to carry their sins away. That goat is to be sent into the desert.



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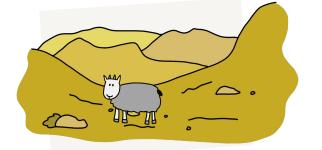
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He must sacrifice one of the goats as he did for the bull. This sacrifice is because of the people's disobedience. It is to atone for the people's sins so they can be forgiven.



20-28 Then Aaron will bring out the other goat that's still alive. He must place both of his hands on its head.
While he does that, he must tell me about all the sins the Israelites have committed.



He must tell me about all their evil acts and the times they did not obey me. In that way he puts their sins on the goat's head. Then he will send the goat away into the desert.



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**Middle Primary** 



29-33 This special day each year is to be set aside as a Day of Atonement for the sins of all the people, no matter whether they are Israelites or outsiders.



On that day their sin will be paid for. They will be made pure and clean from all their sins in my sight. That day is a special day for all of you. You must rest on it.



34 This is a law for you that will last for a long time.
Once a year all the sins of the people must be paid for so they can be forgiven."



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#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#### **FOCUS**

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View SBK ebook: The Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16:1-34)

1. What did the people bring for the special day of forgiveness?

Two goats and a ram

2. What happened to the first goat?
It was sacrificed to pay for the sins of the people. .

**Early Childhood** 

**SMALL GROUPS** 

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Dear God.

THANK YOU for Jesus, who takes away our sin forever.

PLEASE HELP US to trust and follow Jesus every day.

Amen.

3. What happened to the second goat?

The sins of the people were placed on it and it was sent far away into the desert.

4. What do you think that people remembered when they watched the second goat disappear? When God forgives our sin, he sends them far far away. He never remembers them.

5. Why was this day a special holiday?
Because they had all been made clean in God's eyes.

6. How can we be forgiven today?

By telling God that we are sorry for the wrong things

that we say and do, and ask him to forgive us. We don't need a special day - we can do it any time.

"This is to be a lasting ordinance for you: Atonement is to be made once a year for all the sins of the Israelites." And it was done, as the Lord commanded Moses.
(Leviticus 16:34)



Leviticus 16:1-34

#### **FOCUS**

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#### **Lower Primary**

#### **PRAYER**

Dear God.

Thank you that you are holy and perfect.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be the perfect sacrifice for us, who takes away our sin once and for all.

We're sorry for the times we turn away from you.

Please help us to trust Jesus every day and remember that we are forgiven forever because of him.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

#### Read Leviticus 16:1-34 (from SBK Lower Primary Scripture)

1. The Most Holy Room in the temple was such a special room that Aaron (the High Priest) could only go into it on one very special day of the year. How did he prepare for such a special time?

He must bring a bull and a ram to sacrifice, wash himself. and wear special clothes

2. What happened to the first goat that the people brought to Aaron?

It was sacrificed to pay for their sins.

3. What happened to the second goat that the people brought?

Aaron laid his hands on it. Then he told God about all the sins of the people. After that it would be led far away into the desert.

4. What did they people think when the goat went far awav?

It reminded them that God had forgiven their sins - and he had made the sins go far far away, So far away that he never remembers them

5. This happened every year - it was called the Day of Atonement. What was so special about it?

God forgave His people's sins, and made them completely clean. Only He can do that because He is God. .

Much later. Jesus died for the sins of ALL the world. How can we be forgiven?

By telling God that we are sorry for the wrong things that we say and do, and asking him to forgive us.

- We don't have to buy goats or bulls now because Jesus' death has paid for our sins.
- We don't have to wait for a special time of the year: we can be forgiven any time we ask.
- 7. How can we thank God for sending Jesus to die for us? We can be careful that we live in ways that make him pleased with us. The Holy Spirit will help us to do that.

"This is to be a lasting ordinance for you: Atonement is to be made once a year for all the sins of the Israelites." And it was done, as the Lord commanded Moses. (Leviticus 16:34)



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#### **Middle Primary**

#### **PRAYER**

Dear God.

Thank you that you are holy and perfect.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be the perfect sacrifice for us, who takes away our sin once and for all.

We're sorry for the times we turn away from you.

Please help us to trust Jesus every day and remember that we are forgiven forever because of him.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#### Read Leviticus 16:1-34 (from SBK Middle Primary Scripture)

1. Even though Aaron was the High Priest, he had to make special preparations to be 'clean' before God when he entered the Most Holy Room of the Temple. Read v 1-4. What were some of the things he had to do?

He had to bring the right sacrifices, to clean himself thoroughly, to put on special clothes, to sacrifice a bull for his sins and his family's sins - and to sprinkle the blood from the sacrifices on the altar.

- Why was it so important that Aaron do these things?
  He could not enter into God's special place casually all
  this made him remember that God was holy.
- What happens to the first goat that the people bring to Aaron? V5-6; 17-19)

Aaron sacrifices it to pay for the sins of the people. The people have been disobedient. They make this sacrifice to God so that He will forgive their sins.

- 4. What must Aaron do with the second goat? v20-28 He must place his hands on its head, then tell God all about the sins of the people:: all the times they have disobeyed God. Then he sends the goat far into the desert.
- 5. Sending the goat into the desert had a special meaning? What was it?

The goat was a symbol. As it carried the sins of all the people far away into the desert, God was letting the people know that He had forgiven them. Their sins were now far away.

- 6. Read v 29-33 for the following questions How often did this Day of Atonement happen? It happened once a year. Every year.
- 7. Who was included?
  Everyone! Outsiders as well as the Israelites...
- 8. What do you think 'atonement' means?
  Sin has been paid for so that God can forgive his people..
  They are now pure before God.
- 9. Why don't we celebrate the Day of Atonement every vear now?

Answers may include:

- When Jesus died, he took the punishment for our sins.
- Jesus paid the price for our sins (the price was his death)
- No more sacrifices have to be made now because Jesus' sacrifice is enough for all time
- 10. God is holy yet he shows us mercy. How can we thank him for that?
  - We take our sins seriously and always ask God for forgiveness every time we do something wrong.
  - We choose to live lives that please God (holy lives)
  - We let our friends know that this is great news.

"This is to be a lasting ordinance for you: Atonement is to be made once a year for all the sins of the Israelites." And it was done, as the Lord commanded Moses.
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#### **FOCUS**

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#### **Upper Primary**

#### **PRAYER**

Dear God.

Thank you that you are holy and perfect.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be the perfect sacrifice for us, who takes away our sin once and for all.

We're sorry for the times we turn away from you.

Please help us to trust Jesus every day and remember that we are forgiven forever because of him.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Read Leviticus 16:1-34 (from NIRV Adventure Bible)

 What were some of the preparations Aaron had to make so that he could enter the Most Holy Room in the temple? v1-6

He had to bring the right sacrifices, to clean himself thoroughly, to put on special clothes, to sacrifice a bull for his sins and his family's sins - and to sprinkle the blood from the sacrifices on the altar.

- Why was it so important that Aaron do these things?
   He could not enter into God's special place casually all
   this made him remember that God was holy.
- 3. Read v 7-10. What must Aaron do with the first goat that the people bring to him?

Aaron sacrifices it to pay for the sins of the people. The people have been disobedient. They make this sacrifice to God so that He will forgive their sins.

4. What must Aaron do with the second goat? Read v21-22 It is to be a scapegoat - it takes the punishment that belongs to the people.

Aaron must place his hands on its head, then tell God all about the sins of the people: all the times they have disobeyed God. Then he sends the goat into the desert.

5. Sending the goat into the desert had a special meaning? What was it?

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Everyone! Outsiders as well as the Israelites...

8. What do you think atonement means? The sin of the people has been paid for - so that God can forgive them. They are now pure before God.

9. Why don't we celebrate the Day of Atonement every year now?

Answers may include:

- When Jesus died, he took the punishment for our sins.
- Jesus paid the price for our sins (the price was his death)
- No more sacrifices have to be made now because Jesus' sacrifice is enough for all time
- 10. God is holy yet he shows us mercy. How can we thank him for that?
  - We take our sins seriously and always ask God for forgiveness every time we do something wrong.
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(Leviticus 16:34)

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#### **FOCUS**

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#### **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Dear God,

THANK YOU for Jesus, who takes away our sin forever.

PLEASE HELP US to trust and follow Jesus every day.

Amen.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Dear God,

Thank you that you are holy and perfect.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be the perfect sacrifice for us, who takes away our sin once and for all.

We're sorry for the times we turn away from you.

Please help us to trust Jesus every day and remember that we are forgiven forever because of him.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### TIPS

Thank God for providing the atonement for our sin through Jesus.



**PRAY** 

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**Early Childhood** 

Dear God,

THANK YOU for Jesus, who takes away our sin forever.

PLEASE HELP US to trust and follow Jesus every day.

Amen.



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**Sunday School** 

Dear God,

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Please help us to trust Jesus every day and remember that we are forgiven forever because of him.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



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#### **FOCUS**

God forgives sin through a perfect sacrifice.

In this section, you'll find activities for Early Childhood and Primary School aged kids. There's a range of crafts, activities and games suitable for both individuals and groups.

#### **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

- Goat Mask
- Colouring
- Farm Animal Play
- Sensory Play (Kindy)

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- Bubbles (Prep)
- GOAT Acrostic (Yrs 1-2)
- Wash away our Sins (Yrs 3-4)
- Compare and Reflect (Yrs 5-6)

#### **GAMES**

- Jesus Paid It All Relay Race (Kindy)
- Set Me Free Goat Tag (Yrs P-6)



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## **Goat Mask**

#### YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout Worksheet #1 on card
- Sticky tape
- Large paddlepop sticks
- Scissors

#### STEPS

- Cut out Worksheet #1, including the eyes.
- Sticky tape a paddlepop stick to each mask and give one to each child.
- 3. Talk about the two goats in the story. One goat would be sacrificed to pay for all the people's sins. The other goat would have the people's sins placed on it, and it was sent away into the desert, carrying their sins far away. The people's sin would be forgiven and forgotten.





On the Day of Atonement, one goat was sent far away to show that God takes away the people's sins. When we wear our goat masks, we can remember that Jesus takes our sins away forever!



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The printable GOAT MASK sheet can be found on the next page.





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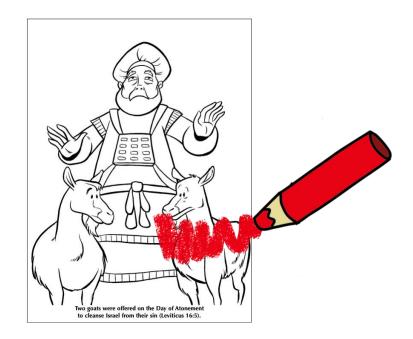
#### YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout Worksheet #2
- Crayons / Coloured Pencils

#### STEPS

- 1. Give each child a colouring in sheet.
- Encourage them to colour in the picture. Talking about what Aaron had to do with the two goats.

Source: Redemption Durham





Aaron followed God's special instructions to make the people clean from their sin. The two goats helped God's people remember that sin must be paid for. But now Jesus has done that for us once and for all.

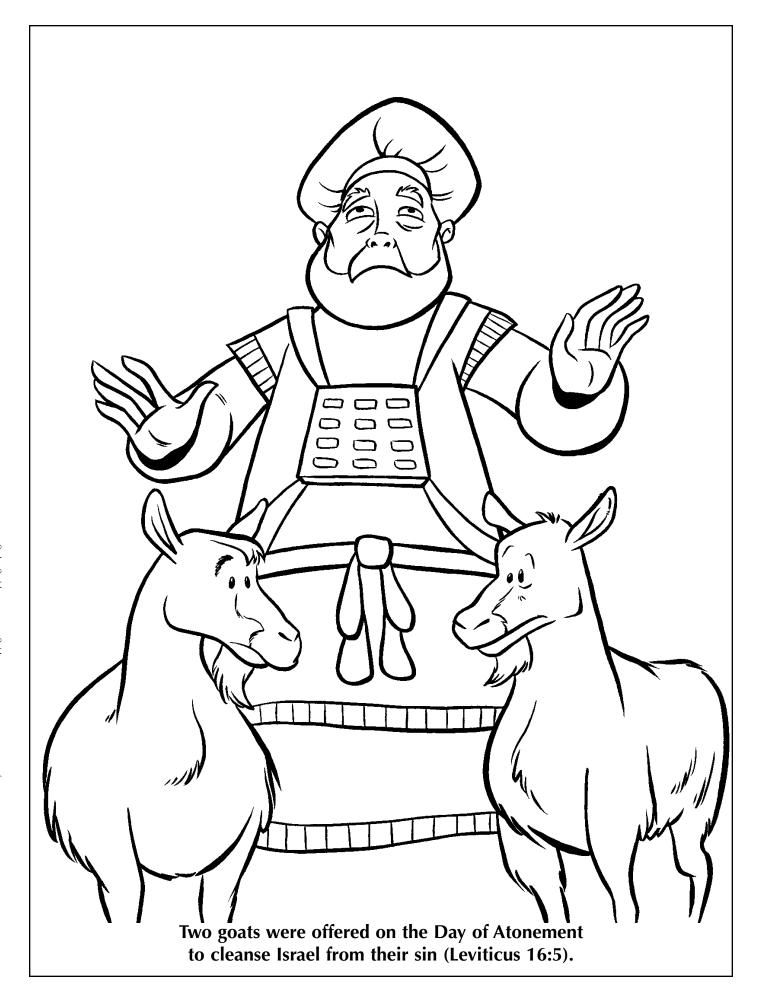


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## Farm Animal Play

#### YOU'LL NEED...

• Toy Farm Animals

#### **STEPS**

- 1. Set up the toy farm animals on the table for the children to play with.
- 2. Let the kids play, explore and name the animals.
- 3. Talk about today's story.





A long time ago, God's people brought animals to say sorry for their sins. One special day each year, God forgave all their sins through sacrifices. But now, we don't need to do that anymore because Jesus is the perfect sacrifice who takes our sins away forever!



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## Sensory Play

#### YOU'LL NEED...

- Large container
- Toy farm animals
- Sand
- Other sensory material such as: Artificial Grass, Rocks, Oats, Plants/Flowers, etc

#### **STEPS**

- 1. Set up the sensory table by putting the different materials and farm animals out to make a farm scene and a desert scene
- 2. Encourage the children to play and explore the different materials and animals. Talk about what happened in the story.

\*\*Supervision required at all times for this activity.





God's people used animals to help them remember that sin needed to be forgiven. On the Day of Atonement, one goat was sent far away into the desert to show that God takes our sins away. When we play with the sand and animals, we can remember that Jesus takes our sins away forever!



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## **Bubbles**

#### YOU'LL NEED...

• Bubble wands

#### **STEPS**

- 1. Go outside and hand out the bubble wands.
- 2. Encourage the children to blow bubbles
- 3. Say: "A long time ago, God's people had a special day called the Day of Atonement. On that day, a goat was sent far away into the desert carrying the people's sins away. When we trust in Jesus, he takes our sins away too, not just for a little while, but forever! These bubbles can help us think about that. Imagine each bubble is like a sin, something wrong we've done, floating away."





Just like the scapegoat carried the people's sins away into the desert, God takes away our sin when we trust in Jesus. When we see the bubbles float away and pop, it reminds us that Jesus takes our sins away and they're gone forever.



The Day of Atonement

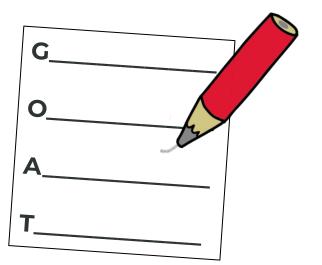
## **GOAT Acrostic**

#### YOU'LL NEED...

- Paper
- Clipboards
- Lead pencils

#### **STEPS**

- 1. Hand out a piece of paper, clipboard and pencil to each child.
- 2. Get the kids to write GOAT in large letters vertically on the left-hand side of the paper.
- 3. Have the kids come up with words to describe Jesus starting with each letter of GOAT. (e.g., Gracious and forgiving, Only Saviour, Absolutely perfect, Totally amazing).





The word "GOAT" can remind us of the Day of Atonement but it can also remind us that Jesus is the Greatest Of All Time! As we write words that describe Jesus, we remember that he is the perfect sacrifice, our Saviour, and the one who takes our sins away forever.



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# Wash away our Sins

#### YOU'LL NEED...

- Paper towels
- Felt pens
- Bucket/dish of water

#### STEPS

- Take some time to think about the things you need to confess to God and ask for forgiveness.
- Using coloured markers, write some key words summarising these sins onto a paper towel.
- 3. Take your paper towel and dip it in the bucket of water. Swirl it around the water and watch as the sin disappears, being reassured of the forgiveness Jesus offers.





God makes our sin disappear when we trust in Jesus.



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## Compare and Reflect

#### YOU'LL NEED...

- Bibles
- A3 Printout Worksheet #3 Venn Diagram
- Pencils

- 1. Read Leviticus 16:29–34 (summary of God's instructions for the Day of Atonement) and Hebrews 9:11-12, 24-26 (Jesus as the perfect High Priest and the perfect sacrifice).
- 2. Discuss Each Side of the Venn Diagram (two overlapping circles labelled "Day of Atonement" and "Jesus' Sacrifice"). Work as a group to note what each passage says about how sin is dealt with

#### Examples:

#### Left Circle - "Day of Atonement" (Leviticus 16)

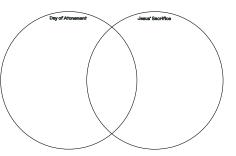
- \*The high priest (Aaron) went into the Most Holy Place.
- \*He offered sacrifices for his own sins and for the people's sins.
- \*Two goats were used one was sacrificed, one carried the sins away.
- \*The people were made clean before God.
- \*It had to happen every year.
- \*It was only for the people of Israel.

#### Right Circle - "Jesus' Sacrifice" (Hebrews 9)

- \*Jesus is the perfect High Priest. \*He didn't offer an animal: he offered
- himself.
- \*He was sinless he didn't need to sacrifice for himself.
- \*He entered heaven itself to bring us to God
- \*His sacrifice happened once for all time.
- \*His forgiveness is for everyone who believes.

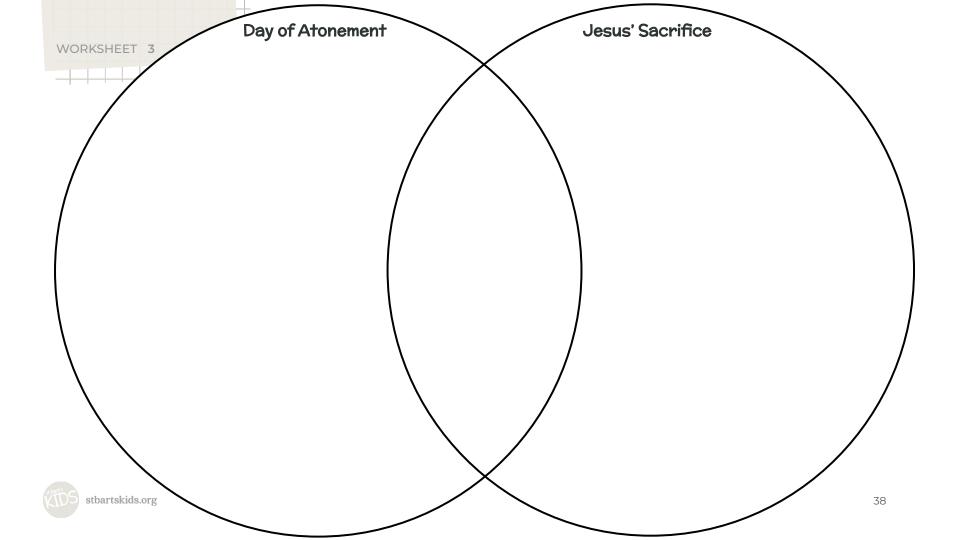
#### Middle - "Same"

- \*Both show that sin separates us from God.
- \*Both show that blood was needed to pay for sin.
- \*Both show that God is holy and that forgiveness comes through his mercy.





The Day of Atonement was a sign that God would one day send someone to deal with sin completely. Jesus is that someone, he is the perfect sacrifice who forgives sin forever.



## **GAME:** Jesus Paid It All **Relay Race**

#### YOU'LL NEED...

- Coins play money
- Bucket
- Two bowls
- Masking tape

- Put a bucket of coins at the far end of the room. Set two bowls by a starting line.
- 2. Mark a "toss line" with masking tape about 30cm away from each bowl.
- 3. Divide children into two teams. At "Go" the first child from each team runs down, grabs a coin from the bucket, then runs to the "toss line" to try and toss the coin into their bowl.
- 4. If the coin doesn't go in the bowl, leave it. After the toss, the child tags the next person in line to go.
- 5. Relay continues for five minutes. Then, count the number of coins in each bowl and the team with the most coins wins.

Source: Crossway





In Bible times, people brought sacrifices again and again to pay for sin. But Jesus paid it all, once and for all! This game reminds us that we don't have to keep paying, because Jesus has already done everything needed to forgive our sin.



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## GAME: Set Me Free Goat Tag

#### **YOU'LL NEED...**

- Index cards or similar
- Masking Tape

#### TEPS

- Write the word Goat on one out of every five index cards and shuffle them into the stack.
- Using masking tape, create a section of the room that is the "jail" (able to hold five to eight kids). Place the stack of cards face down inside the jail.
- 3. Assign two children to be "It."
- Begin a game of tag. If someone is tagged, they must go to jail and draw one index card. After reading it, place it at the bottom of the stack.
- s. If the card is blank, they stay in jail. If the card says "Goat," everyone in the jail gets to go free.
- Continue play until everyone is in jail or a set amount of time has elapsed. If you begin a new game, shuffle the index cards before starting.

Source: Crossway





On the Day of Atonement, one goat was sent away to show that God's people were set free from their sin. When we play this game, we remember that Jesus has set us free forever. He takes our sins away and gives us new life!

