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Early Childhood
Jesus Is the Perfect High Priest in Heaven

Hebrews 8:1-10:18
HEB05EC

Hebrews

Materials I Need:

Key for symbols:

- This symbol represents ideas that can be used for two-year-olds through kindergarten. Please remember to slow way down for two-year-olds and keep the pace moving for five-year-olds.
- ② This symbol represents ideas that can be used for two- and three-year-olds.
- ④ This symbol represents ideas that are best used for four-year-olds through kindergarten.

Memory Verse for 2s and 3s:

Hebrews 4:15: We have (a high priest) who...was without sin.

Memory Verse for 4s and 5s:

Hebrews 4:15: We have (a high priest) who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.

Hook:

- Teacher Tip:** Getting attention in the classroom while your children are busy working can be challenging at times. Try not to raise your voice above that of the children. Instead, use innovative ways to cause the children to look at you. Some of these ideas might include: turning off and on the lights several times, ringing a small bell, clapping your hands in rhythm, singing a song such as "Do You Know What Time It Is?" or introducing a puppet.
- Bridge Work Center:** Provide blocks and cars. Tell the children they can only drive the cars on top of the blocks. Have them build roads, but introduce a break in the road and ask how they can get the cars to the other side other than flying. Hopefully, a bridge will be suggested. Supply a bridge (wide ruler or paint stick) and allow the children to continue playing. "In today's Bible Adventure, we will learn that Jesus is like a bridge. God is holy and perfect. We are not perfect so we cannot be with God. Jesus fills the space between us and God just like this bridge. He is called a 'mediator'."
- "Think Fast" Game:** Choose eight to ten pictures of objects seen in everyday life. Picture ideas could include: comb, glass, toothbrush, spoon, horse, toy, car, a mother, a child, and Jesus. The pictures can be taped to any colored paper and placed on a large table the children can stand around or to the wall with the children standing facing the wall. Two or three children can play at a time. They look at the game area and try to respond before others by placing their hand on the appropriate picture as quickly as they can. The teacher will say how an object is used. More than one answer may be correct and then two hands can be used to cover two pictures. The teacher might say, "Cover the object you might use to brush your teeth, drink from, person you might hug, person who can take away sin, something you ride on, etc." "In our Bible Adventures, we've been learning that Jesus is superior to everyone and everything in the Old Testament. Jesus is better because He can take away our sin and make us right with God. Jesus is called our 'mediator'."
- Climbing Mount Sinai: (HEB03ECGF6)** Bring a six-foot ladder to class and, under close supervision, have one child at a time climb "Mount Sinai" as Moses. Have the child retrieve "God's laws" (see lesson 3 for the GF6 sample of God's laws) either from the top step or hanging from the ceiling. "Moses was a mediator between God and the Hebrew people. He was brave and went up on a high mountain to talk with God alone. God gave him laws for the Hebrew people to obey."


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- "How Tall Is Your Mountain?" Center:** Provide a tub of flour and different sized scoops. Show the children how to carefully scoop and pour to make the flour stack in a pile. What does the pile remind you of? (a mountain) Who can carefully try to make the tallest mountain in the tub? "In today's Bible Adventure, we'll learn that Moses walked up a mountain to talk to God. The mountain was tall and covered with a smoky cloud and lightning. The people were afraid to go up the mountain, so they told Moses to go talk to God for them. Moses was a mediator between the Hebrew people and God."
 - The Old and New Testaments: (HEB01ECGF1 and HEB05ECGF7)** Provide each child with the review GF1 picture to color. Cut or slit the edge line of the Old Testament side to get a pair of scissors into the slit. Have the children carefully cut along the OT outline. Fold the OT side over onto the NT to close the Bible. Paste the GF7 words "Holy Bible" on the front. Have a Bible on the table opened at the division between the Old and New Testaments. "The Bible is made up of the Old Testament and the New Testament. In the Old Testament when someone sinned, or broke God's laws (or rules or commandments), an animal had to be killed so that a person's sin could be forgiven. But the book of Hebrews in the New Testament tells us that when Jesus came and died on the cross, His death paid for all the sins of all the people in the world forever. So today, we don't have to kill any more animals to be forgiven. Jesus has power to take away sin and clean our hearts."
 - Mount Sinai Group Activity:** Provide a large blue paper and plain brown grocery bags. Have the children tear the bags into pointed mountains and place them across the bottom of the blue paper. Glue them in place. Draw clouds on top of one mountain (Mt. Sinai) and across the sky with the side of a white piece of chalk. Tear lightning streaks and fire flames from orange or yellow paper and glue them to the top of Mount Sinai. "Today's Bible Adventure teaches us that Moses was chosen by the Hebrew people to be their mediator. He was the one who climbed Mount Sinai to talk to God for the people. God spoke from a cloud."
 - The Real Thing Is Better Than a Picture:** Bring a picture of your dog (cat, bird, fish, stuffed animal), show the children, and talk about your pet. Make it interesting so that the children enjoy hearing about your pet. Bring some food that you feed your pet and explain how you feed it. Show the children the picture again and ask, "Is this pet real? Is this picture the real pet?" Explain that the picture looks like the real pet, but it is just a picture. Then bring in your real pet and show the children the difference between the real and the picture. The real thing is always better than the picture. We can touch and feel and put our arms around the real thing. Explain that Jesus is a real person who is alive in heaven even though we can't see Him. We see a "picture" of God in the Old Testament and how He made people good enough to go to heaven. Now we know from the New Testament that God had a better way. We'll learn more about the old way and the new way in today's Bible Adventure.
 - Bible Story:** Bring in a simple Bible story of John the Baptist baptizing Jesus at the Jordan River (John 1:29-34). Emphasize the aspect of Jesus being called the "Lamb of God" who takes away the sin of the world. Talk about Jesus' holiness--not having any selfish sin.
 - Altar Building Center:** Provide the children with large or small wooden or cardboard blocks. Encourage them to build an altar like Moses built. "In the Bible Adventure today, we'll see that Moses built an altar at the base of the mountain and sacrificed animals as an offering to the Lord. This is what God told Moses to do. An animal had to die for the people to be clean from their sins."



Book:

Presentation Ideas

- Color the **HEB05ECGF1, HEB05ECGF2, HEB05ECGF3, HEB05ECGF4** and **HEB05ECGF5** pictures and glue them onto colored construction paper. Show these pictures as you tell the Bible Adventure. Save the pictures for review in future Hebrews lessons.
- "Superiority of Christ" Review Mobile: (HEB02ECGF14 and HEB05ECGF6)** Continue reviewing the first four lessons with the pictures (Jesus is superior to angels, Moses, and Aaron the high priest. Abraham believed God's promises.). Display this mobile in such a way that more pictures can be hung from it as the weeks of Hebrew lessons proceed.

 **Story Suggestion:** Have a teacher dress up as a high priest. Before the story, he will explain that he is no longer needed by the Hebrew people to be their mediator—a person who stands between them and God. He lost his job! Animals no longer need to be sacrificed so their blood could be sprinkled in the tabernacle. He represents the old way in the Old Testament and Jesus is the new, better way to have sins forgiven. Jesus is the new High Priest talked about in the book of Hebrews in the New Testament.

 **"My Horn" Finger Play:**

Now I will play my little horn. *(Make fists and place them end to end)*

I put my fingers so-- *(Lift pinkie fingers)*

And then I lift it to my mouth, *(Raise fists to mouth)*

And blow, and blow, and blow. *(Blow and make sound with voice)*

"Listen to today's Bible Adventure to learn where a trumpet sound scares the Hebrew people."

Bible Adventure for 2s & 3s

(Show the review HEB01ECGF4 picture or refer to the "Superiority of Christ" Review Mobile.)

Heaven is a special, holy place because heaven is where God lives. God is holy. God has no sin and Jesus never had any sin. That is why Jesus is superior. He is God the Son, He lives in heaven, and He is perfectly holy.

(Show the review HEB01ECGF2 picture.) People are not holy. People all have selfish sin. That's a problem. God cannot live with sin. In the Old Testament, God gave the Hebrew people a mediator. The mediator was a person who would go between the people and God. *(Point to Moses.)* Moses was a mediator. Moses met with God at Mount Sinai.

(Show the HEB05ECGF1 picture.) When God came to Mount Sinai, the mountain started shaking and there was a trumpet sound that grew louder and louder. The people were afraid. The Hebrew people told Moses to talk to God and tell them what He said. Moses went up on the mountain and wrote down everything the Lord told him. Moses was the mediator between a holy God and the sinful Hebrew people. Moses told the people what God had said.

(Show the HEB05ECGF3 picture.) God told Moses to build a tabernacle or temple. It would be a holy place. In the tabernacle was a special room called the Holy of Holies. It would be where God would meet with the high priest and forgive the sins of the people. The high priest went into the Holy of Holies one time every year. The high priest became the mediator who met with God for the Hebrew people.

(Show the HEB05ECGF5 picture. Point to the New Testament side of the page.) When Jesus died on the cross, He became the mediator who talks to God for all the people who love and obey God. Jesus became the holy High Priest who forgives sin. When we believe that Jesus took the punishment we should have for our sins, then He gives us a clean heart. That is why Jesus is superior to everything and everyone in the Old Testament. Jesus has power to take away our sins and put His goodness in our hearts. He helps us when we come to Him and patiently wait for Him to do what is best.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus who is superior to angels, Moses and every high priest in the Old Testament. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Bible Adventure for 4s, 5s & K

(Show the review HEB01ECGF4 picture or refer to the "Superiority of Christ" Review Mobile.)

Heaven is a special, holy and wonderful place because heaven is where God lives, and God is holy. God has no sin and Jesus never had any sin. That's why Jesus is superior; He is God the Son. He lives in heaven, and He is perfectly holy.

(Show the review HEB01ECGF2 picture. Point to Moses.) People are not holy; they all have selfish sin. That's a problem. Since God cannot live with sin, how can a sinful people talk with God and live in a holy heaven with God? Well, God made a way in the Old Testament. God gave the Hebrew people a mediator—a person who stands between them and God.

(Point to the cloud covering the mountain.) When God met with Moses at Mount Sinai, He looked like a cloud and smoke and lightning. That was like a picture of God. It was not all of who God really is, but it was a picture of God. When God met with the Hebrews, the mountain started shaking and there was a trumpet sound that grew louder and louder.

(Show the HEB05ECGF1 picture.) All of the people were shaking, too, because they were so afraid (Exodus 20:18-21). The Hebrews said to Moses, "You talk to God and then tell us what He says. We will listen and obey." So Moses became the mediator or go-between between a holy God and the sinful Hebrew people. Moses went up on the mountain and wrote down everything the Lord told him about holiness and how to have their sins forgiven (Exodus 24:4-8).

(Show the HEB05ECGF2 picture.) When Moses came down from the mountain after talking to God, he built an altar at the base of the mountain and sacrificed animals as an offering to the Lord. He took the blood from the animals and sprinkled half of it on the altar and the rest on the people. This is what God told Moses to do. An animal had to die for the people to be clean from their sins. That was the old way of the Old Testament.

(Show the HEB05ECGF3 picture.) God also told Moses, “Build a tabernacle or temple exactly like I tell you. The tabernacle will be a holy place. In the tabernacle will be a special room with thick curtains all around. This room is called the Holy of Holies. It is where I will meet with the high priest and forgive the sins of those who come to Me.”

(Show the HEB05ECGF4 picture.) After that, the high priest went into the Holy of Holies one time every year and sprinkled the blood of an animal on the Ark of the Covenant. The high priest was now the mediator who met with God for the Hebrew people. (Point to the cloud above.) God looked like a cloud, but it was just a picture of who He is. When the high priest obeyed God and did exactly as God told him to do, God forgave the sins of all the Hebrews for that whole year.

(Show the HEB05ECGF5 picture. Point to the Old Testament side of the page.) What I have been telling you about God is like a “picture” of a holy God in the Old Testament. The high priest met with God in the Holy of Holies as the mediator between a holy God and a sinful people. (Point to the New Testament side of the page.) But when Jesus died on the cross, He became the mediator—the holy High Priest—whose death and blood forgives sin. When you and I believe that Jesus took the punishment we should have for our sins, then He gives us a clean heart. That is why Jesus is superior to everything and everyone in the Old Testament. Jesus has power to take away sin—every sin we have ever done and every sin that we will ever do for our whole lives. Jesus is superior because He is the holy and powerful God who cleans our hearts from selfish sin and puts His goodness in our hearts.

(Show the review HEB03ECGF4 picture.) We learn in the New Testament that we don’t need to sacrifice animals for our sins anymore. That was the old way—the “picture” of God from the Old Testament. Jesus is the forever Mediator—the holy High Priest—who takes sin from our hearts and puts His goodness in. He has all the power of God, and He helps us when we come to Him and patiently wait for Him to do what is best.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for Jesus who is superior to angels, Moses and every high priest. He is the holy High Priest who came to take away sin forever. In Jesus name I pray, amen.

Aim Questions

Aim Questions for 2s & 3s:

1. **Who is holy and without sin?** (God, Jesus)
2. (Show the HEB01ECGF2 picture and point to Moses.) **Who became a mediator between a holy God and the sinful Hebrew people at Mount Sinai?** (Moses)
3. **Who is the forever Mediator and High Priest who takes away our sin today?** (Jesus)

Aim Questions for 4s & 5s:

1. **What is the name of the book of the Bible we learned from today, and what is the theme?** (Hebrews; superiority of Christ)
2. **What did God look like when He met with the Hebrews at Mount Sinai in the Old Testament?** (God looked like a cloud, smoke and lightning that covered Mount Sinai.)
3. **What did Moses do as a mediator to help the Hebrews have forgiveness for their sin?** (Moses sacrificed an animal and sprinkled its blood on the altar and on the people.)
4. **What did the high priest do with the blood in the Holy of Holies once a year as a mediator between a holy God and a sinful people?** (He sprinkled blood on the Ark of the Covenant for the forgiveness of sin.)
5. **Who is the forever Mediator and High Priest who takes away our sin?** (Jesus)



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Aim Questions: Bring in a safety lock box, small locked suitcase or locked diary with the Aim Questions on cards inside. Tell the children the questions are in the box, but they will need a key to open it. The box represents God and the child represents sinful people. How can sinful people approach a holy God? Through Jesus. Give the child the key (Jesus is the key) and have him open the box to take the first question to the teacher to be read. Repeat for each question.

Transition Idea: Make fists and place them end to end over the mouth to pretend to blow horns.

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- "Which Is Better?" Snack Suggestion:** Provide a liverwurst or a blue cheese spread and an all fruit jelly to spread on graham crackers. Allow the children to smell and/or taste the two choices of spread. Which is better? "Today we learned in the New Testament that Jesus died and took the punishment for our sins and gives us clean hearts. Jesus is our forever High Priest and is better than all the high priests in the Old Testament."
 - Snack Idea #2:** Provide each child with two pieces of bread or a small bun and a utensil to spread jam. Have the children spread jam/jelly onto the bread. While the children are creating their sandwiches, discuss how Jesus is our Mediator or "go-between," like the jelly goes between the pieces of bread. "Today in the Bible Adventure we learned that when Jesus died on the cross, He became the Mediator between God and people. He takes sin from our hearts and puts His goodness in."
 - "Superiority of Christ" Review Mobile: (HEB05ECGF6 and HEB02ECGF14)** If you are making a mobile for each child, hang this week's picture (#5 of the GF6 page) by yarn or string (different length) below the GF14 picture of Jesus. Review the previous lessons. (Jesus is superior to angels, Moses, Aaron and every priest. Abraham trusted in God's promises.) This week we learned that Jesus is the superior Mediator between sinful people and a holy God. He forgives our sins so that we can live with Him in heaven. Display each child's mobile on the wall.
 - "Climb, Climb up Sinai Mountain" Activity Page: (HEB05ECGF1 and HEB05ECGF8)** Give each child a GF1 page to color and a GF8 climbing Moses and Ten Commandments tablet to glue on the GF1 page. Sing "Climb, Climb up Sinai Mountain" as the children work.
 - "Holy of Holies" Activity Page: (HEB05ECGF3 and HEB05ECGF9)** Give each child a GF3 page, two pieces of fabric, and a GF9 Ark of the Covenant. Show the children how to glue the Ark of the Covenant on top of the GF3 Holy of Holies curtain, then tape the two pieces of fabric over it to make a curtain. Tape it from the top so that the curtain can be lifted to see the Ark inside. Explain that this is the Holy of Holies--the place where God met with the high priest once a year for the forgiveness of sins. Since Jesus died and took the punishment we deserve for our sins, we can now meet with God anytime, anywhere. We don't have to wait for a high priest.
 - Mediator Moses Booklet: (HEB05ECGF10)** Copy a GF10 page for each child and fold it in fourths to make a booklet. They can glue cotton balls (spread them apart) in the sky on page four and green bits of construction paper on the trees. The Ark on page three can be colored gold, and a red marker can make dots of blood being sprinkled. Sing "What Can Wash Away My Sin?" as the children work on their booklets.
 - Memory Verse Review:** "When God met with Moses on Mount Sinai, the mountain shook and there was a trumpet sound that grew louder and louder. March around the room while you sing our Memory Verse Song. When you hear my horn blow, stop and shake your body just as the Hebrews did when Mount Sinai shook." Repeat.
 - The Mediator Game:** Divide the class in half or into thirds. Have one child sit twenty feet in front of his team with blocks and toys next to him. Someone from his team is chosen to be a mediator. The teacher whispers an instruction to the mediator on each team. On a signal from the teacher, all the mediators run to their teammates and whisper the same instructions. Which teammate can do what they are told first? Some instructions might include: Stack three blocks, place the animal between two blocks, lie down under five blocks, etc. Repeat until everyone has had a turn as mediator and choose a new child to fulfill the instructions given by the mediators. Encourage those who listen and respond quickly to their instructions.
 - "Ten Commandments" Movie:** Before class, preview that part of the movie where Moses goes up on the mountain and receives the Ten Commandments. Show the appropriate part of the movie in class to reinforce today's Bible Adventure.

Songs:

② **Hebrews 4:15 Memory Verse Song for 2s & 3s:** (tune: "When the Saints Go Marching In")
We have a High Priest
Who was without sin.
We have a High Priest without sin.
We find it in the book of Hebrews.
Hebrews fo-our, verse fifteen.

④ **Hebrews 4:15 Memory Verse Song for 4s & 5s** (tune: "When the Saints Go Marching In")
We have a High Priest Who has been tempted
In every way, just as we are—
Yet was without sin—not o-one.
Hebrews fo-our, verse fifteen.

Verse 2
Oh, when we come to our High Priest,
Oh, when we come to Him for help,
Jesus always has the answer.
That's why He's su-per-i-or.

Old and New (tune: "Deep and Wide")
Old and new, old and new
In the Bible there's the old and new.
Old and new, old and new
In the Bible God's words a-are true.

Old and new, old and new
Jesus Christ is better in the new.
Old and new, old and new
Jesus Christ is better in the new.

Climb, Climb up Sinai Mountain (tune: "Climb, Climb up Sunshine Mountain")
Climb, climb up Sinai Mountain
Heavenly thunder rolls.
Climb, climb up Sinai Mountain
Lightning all aglow.
Moses was mediator;
God gave him His law.
Down, down came Moses to
The Hebrews below.

Lamb of God, I Worship You
Lamb of God, I worship You
For all You are and all You do.
With Your blood You paid the price,
Became the spotless sacrifice
So I could be made new.
Lamb of God, I worship You.

Nothing But the Blood
What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Jesus Has Power (tune: "London Bridges")
Jesus has power to take away sin,
Take away sin, take away sin.
Jesus has power to take away sin.
He is our Mediator.

Jesus Is Our High Priest (tune: "Mary Had a Little Lamb")

Jesus is our High Priest,
High Priest, High Priest.
Jesus is our High Priest.
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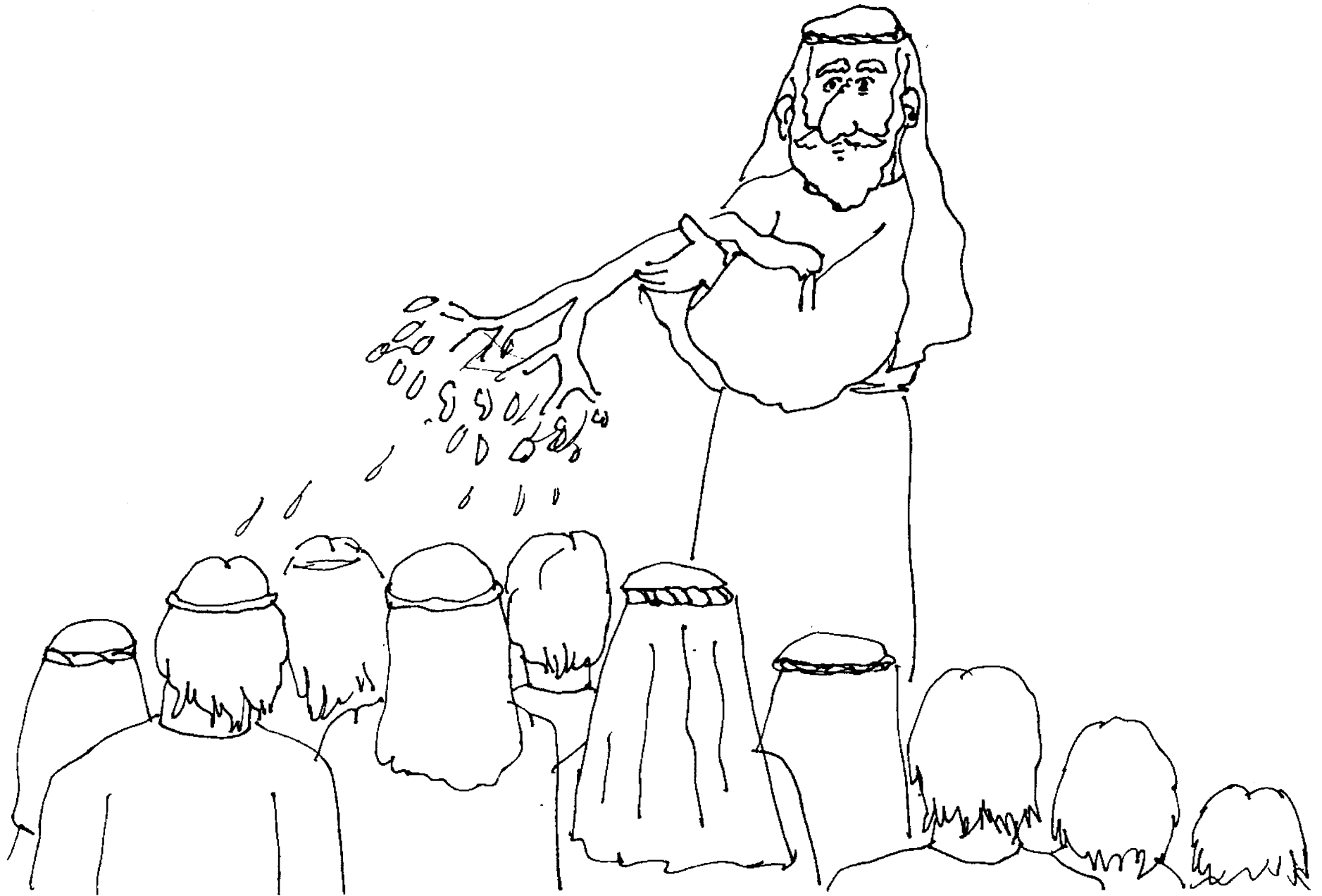


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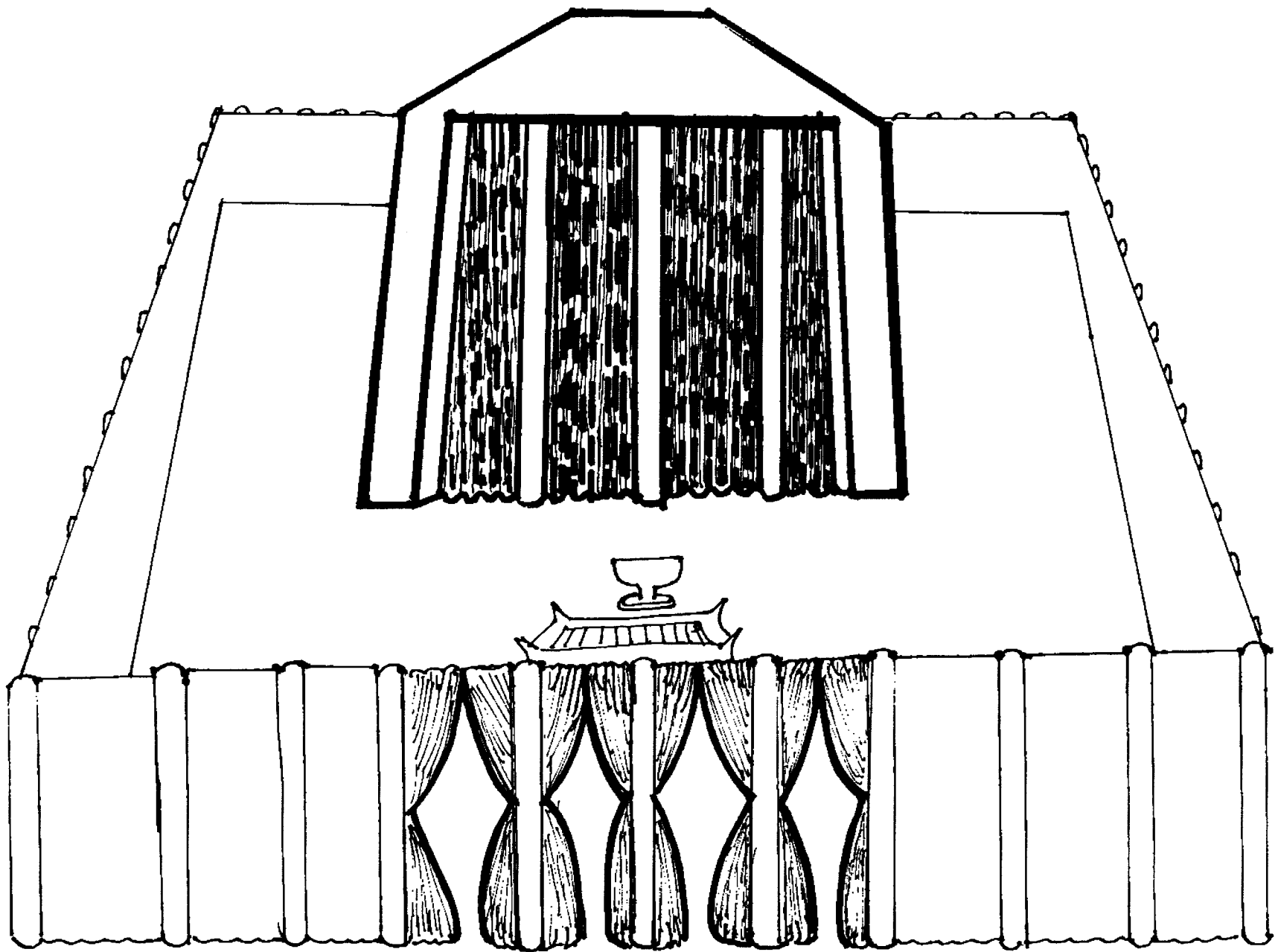
- Jesus Is the Way to Heaven: (HEB03ECGF4)** Copy a review GF4 picture for each child and let the children glue or tape a cross between the people on earth and God in heaven. A cross can be made from craft sticks or strips of paper. Washable red paint (or markers) could be painted on the cross to represent the blood that Jesus shed when He died. Now sinful people have a way to talk to and live with a holy God. Sinless Jesus made the way (bridge) to the holy God. Sing the Memory Verse Song (especially the second verse for 4s & 5s) as the children work on their pages.
- Stick Puppet Activity: (HEB05ECGF11)** Materials needed: GF11 child pattern, wide craft sticks, markers, pictures of children's faces that would fit on the head of the child pattern, glue sticks, GF11 "Jesus takes sin from our hearts" words. Color the child with the markers. Choose a child's face and glue it onto the head area. Cut out the child and glue him to one end of the stick. Glue the GF11 words on the open end of the stick. Sing "Jesus Has Power" and "Jesus Is Our High Priest" as the children work.
- Clean Hearts:** You will need a 13" x 9" pan, preferably aluminum foil or plastic. Mix together 1 ¼ cup of water and 2 ¼ cups of cornstarch and place into the pan. The mixture should be fairly runny and fill the pan. It will go back to its original form after being played with. Have the children place their hands into the mixture. Tell the children, as they play in the mixture, "Sin messes up our hearts. But Jesus has the power to take away sin and make our hearts clean."
- ④ **Erasing Sin:** Provide the children with a chalk board, chalk, and an erasing brush or a dry erase board, markers and brush. Draw a large heart on the board and then have the children draw pictures inside the heart of ways we disappoint God. Explain that when Jesus died on the cross, He became the Mediator, the holy High Priest who cleans our heart from selfish sin and puts His goodness in our hearts. Erase the sin inside the chalk heart and place a large cross inside the heart instead.
- Preschool Page for Parents: (HEB05ECPPP)** Send a page home with each child, encouraging parents to reinforce the Bible truths at home. Spend a few minutes before the children go home creatively reviewing the song and Memory Verse.



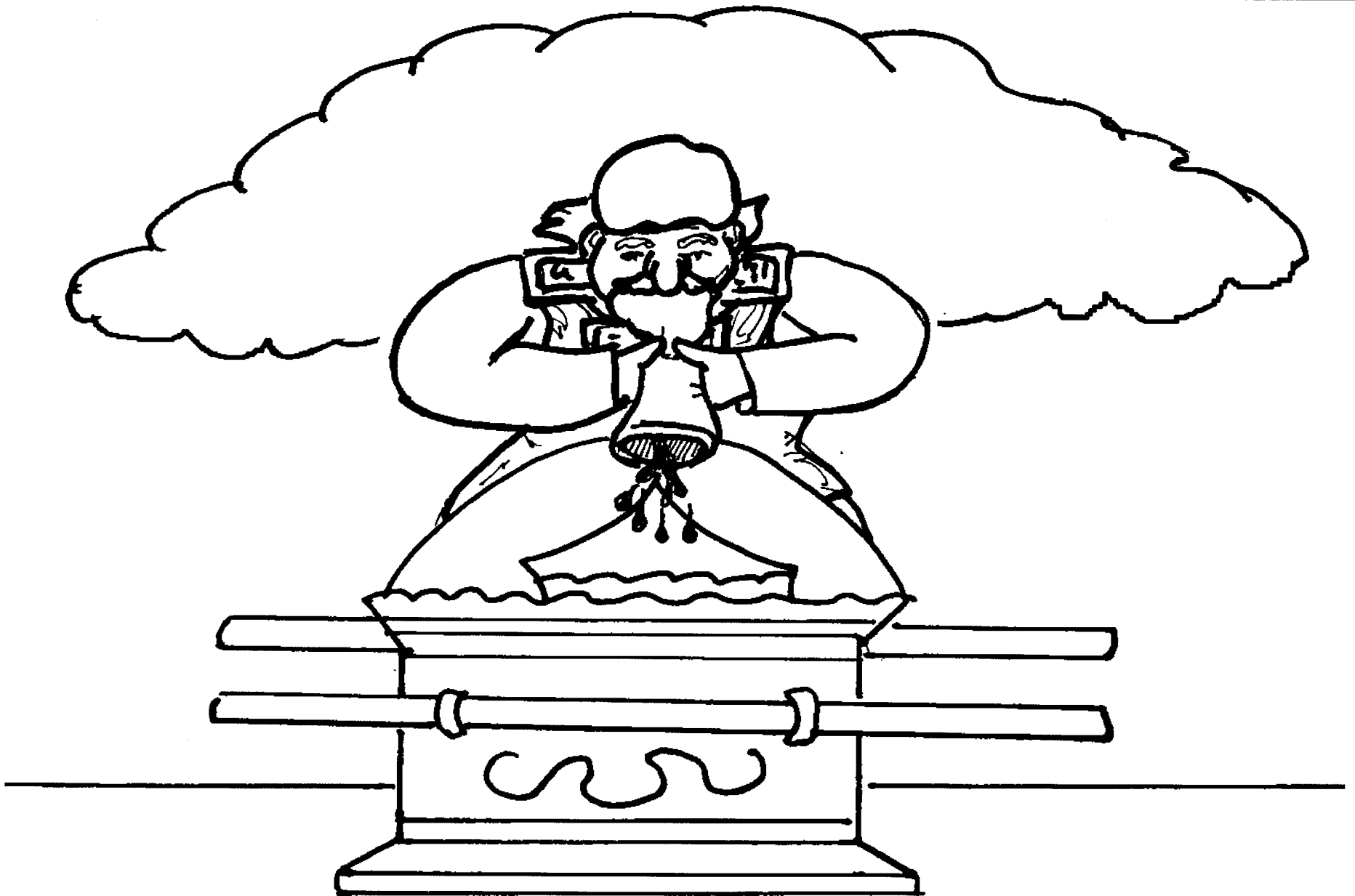
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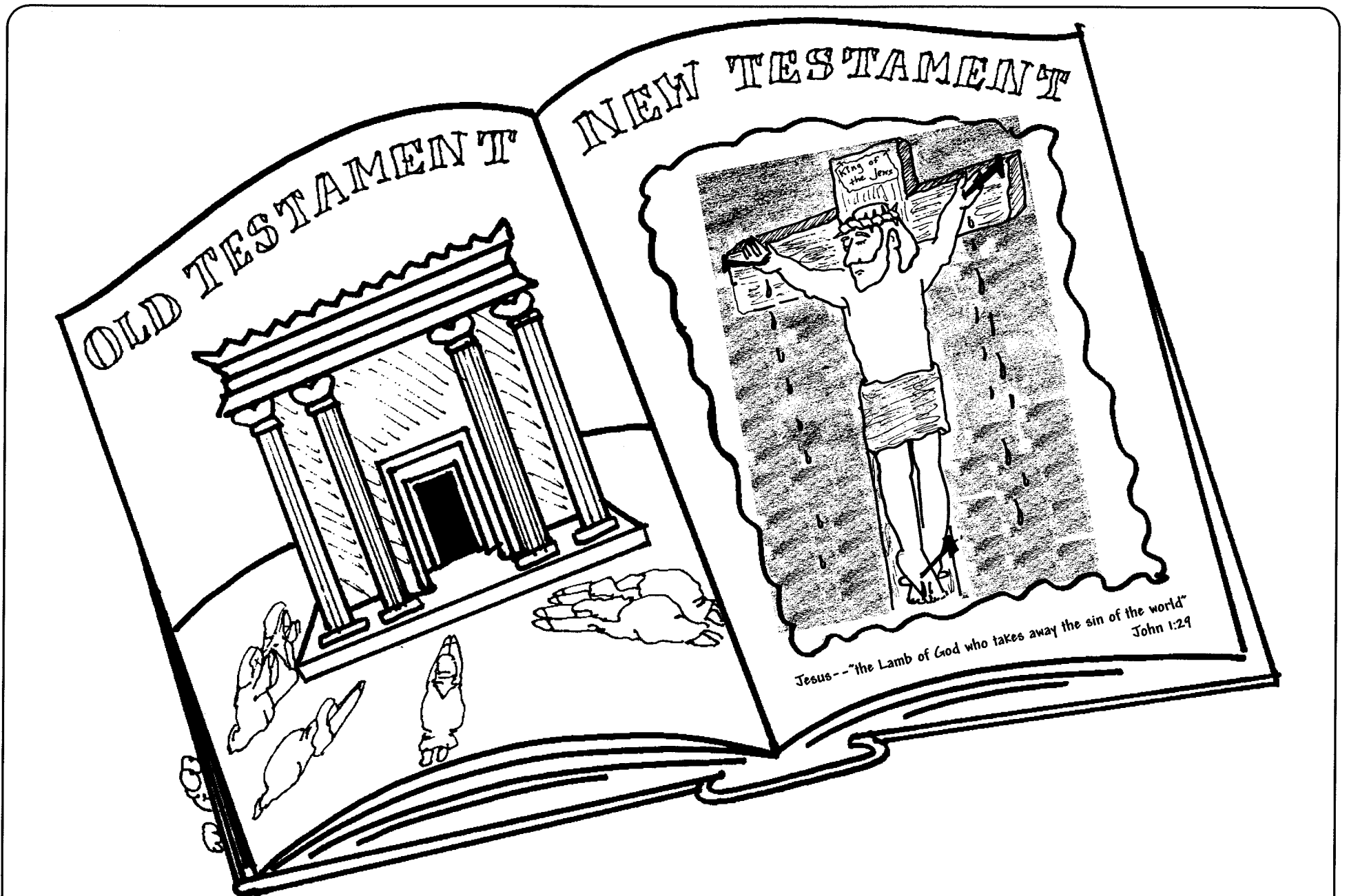
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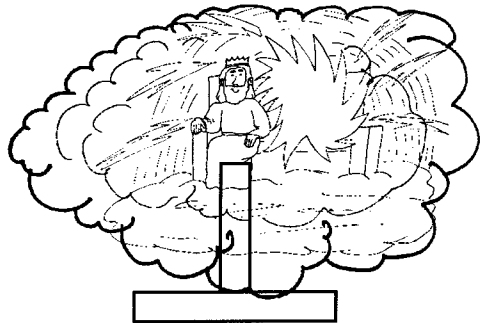
God told the high priest to sprinkle blood in the Holy of Holies so that the Hebrew people could receive forgiveness for sins.



The high priest entered the Holy of Holies once a year as a go-between, a mediator, between a sinful people and a holy God.



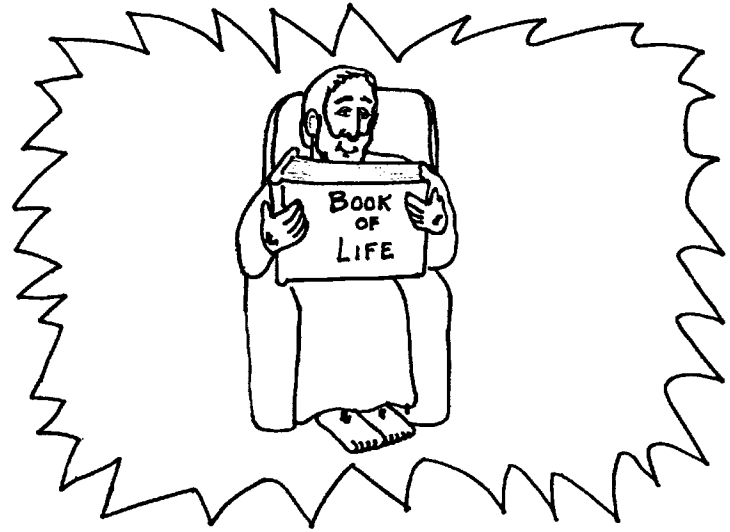
Old Testament priests sprinkled blood in the Holy of Holies.
Since the New Testament, Jesus' death brings forgiveness to those who believe.



Jesus is the holy high priest
who takes away our sin.



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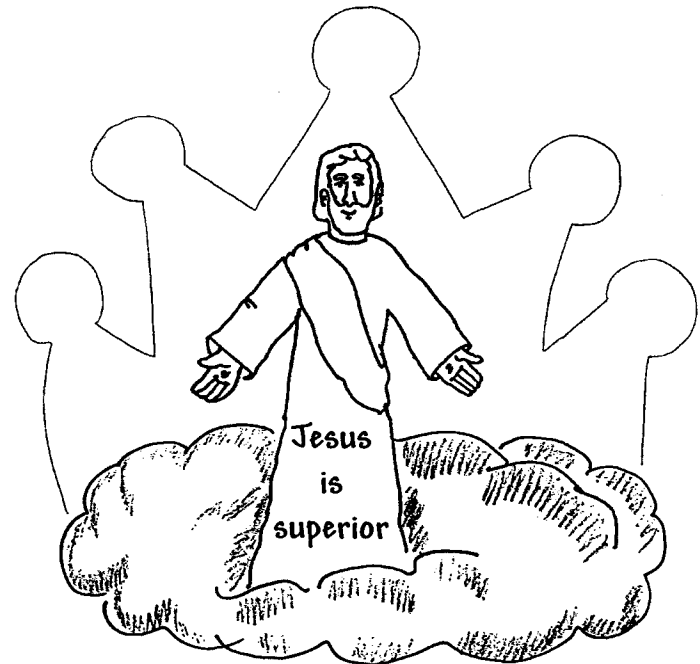
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The people who have put their faith in Jesus have their names written in heaven.



Faith in Jesus gives people happy hearts
and lips that praise God.

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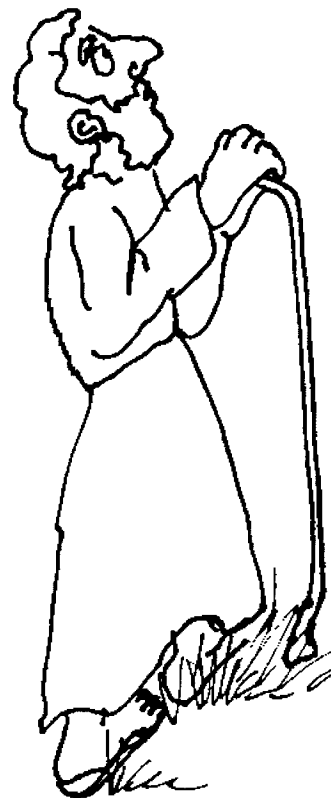
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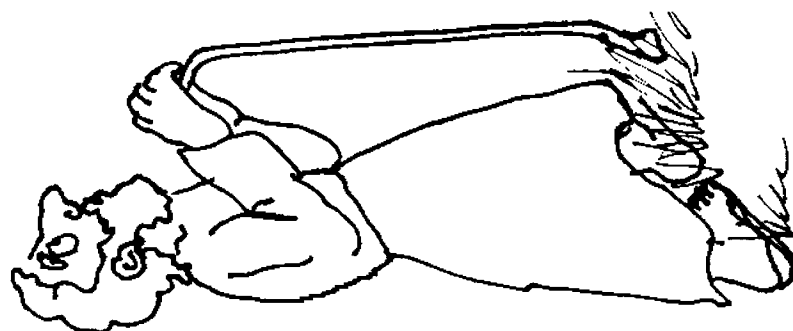
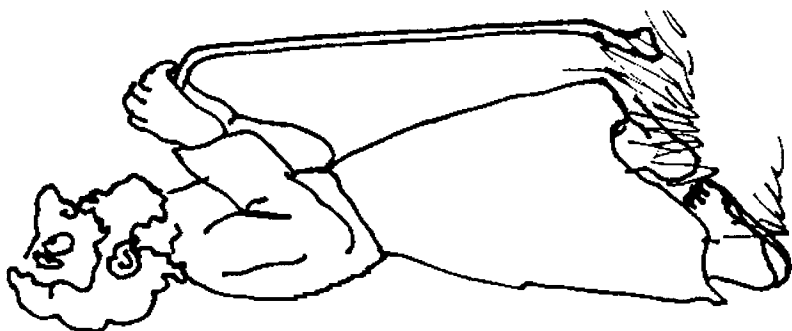
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3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.	8. You shall not steal.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.	9. You shall not lie.
5. Honor your father and your mother.	10. You shall not covet... anything that belongs to your neighbor.



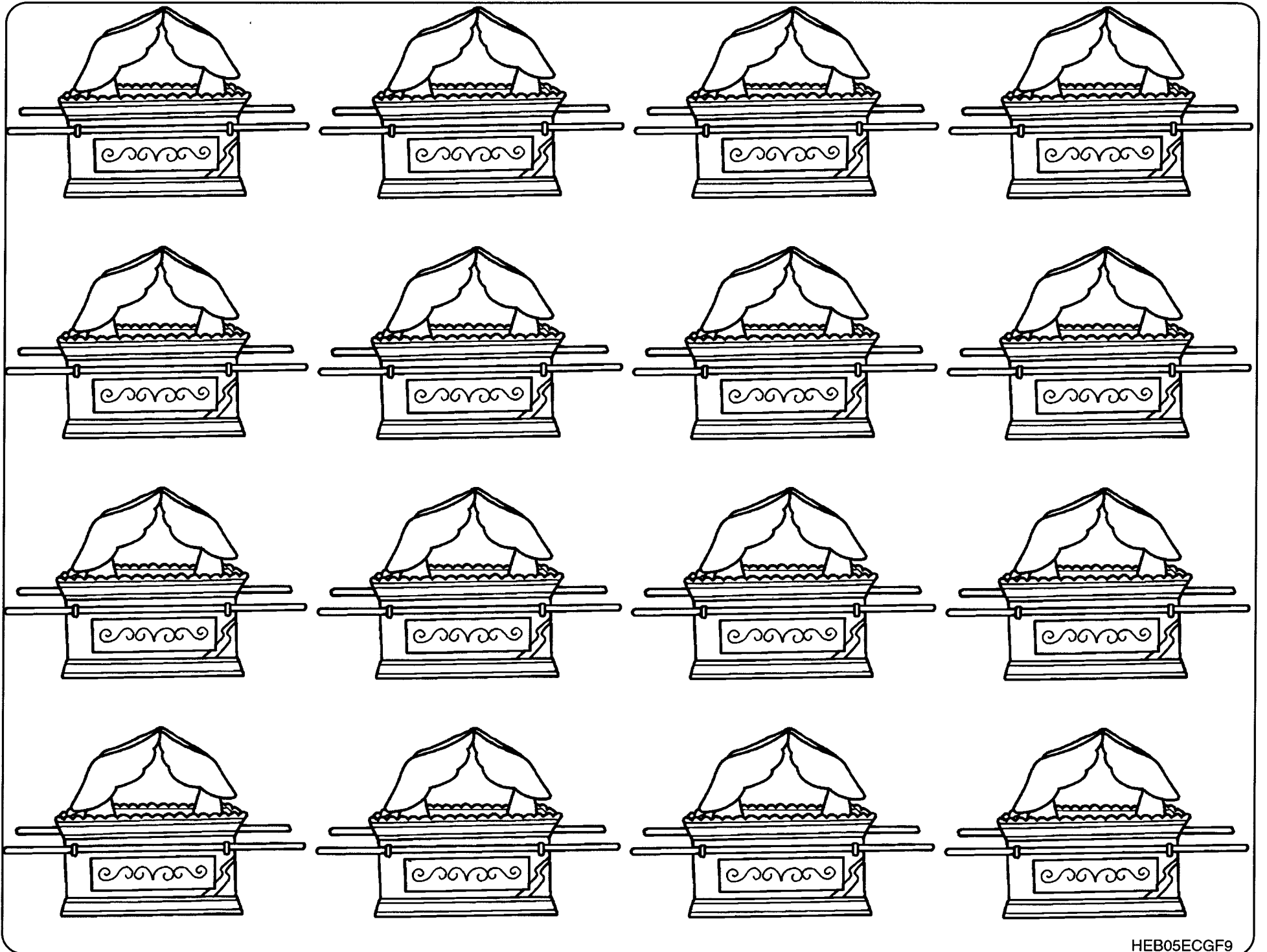
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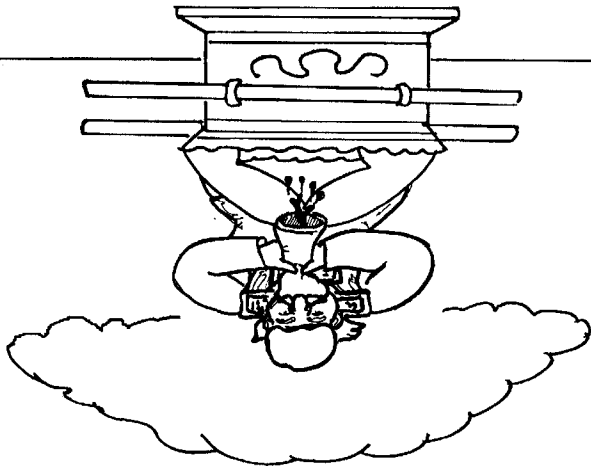
Copy this page on card stock paper. Cut out the Ten Commandments tablet and fold it in half so that the words are showing on the outside. Tape a piece of yarn or string inside the booklet, and then tape the booklet shut. Tape the other end of the yarn or string to Moses' hands. Glue the second Moses on top of the first Moses or tape this GFB Moses to a craft stick to make a puppet that goes up the mountain.



3.

Glue cotton on the cloud above the high priest.

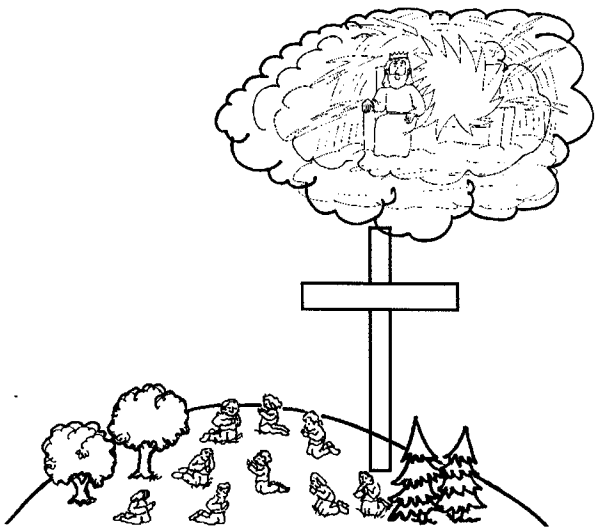
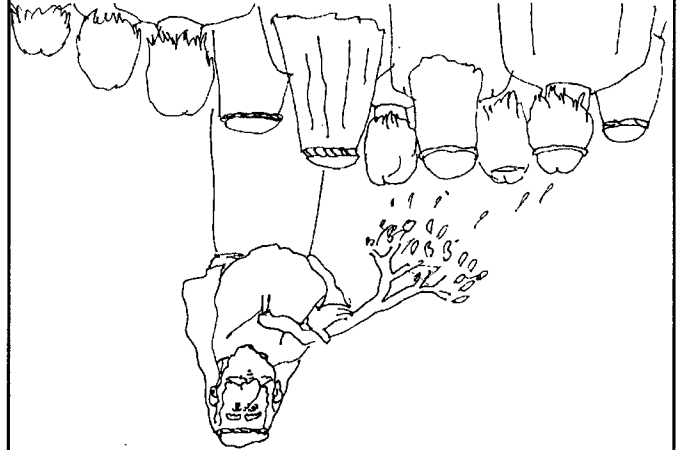
God forgave sins when the high priest sprinkled blood on the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies.



2.

Glue red dots made from a hole punch on the sprinkled blood.

Moses sprinkled blood from an animal to clean the people from their sins.



Jesus died on the cross to make a way for sinful people to live in heaven with a holy God.

Color the cross red.

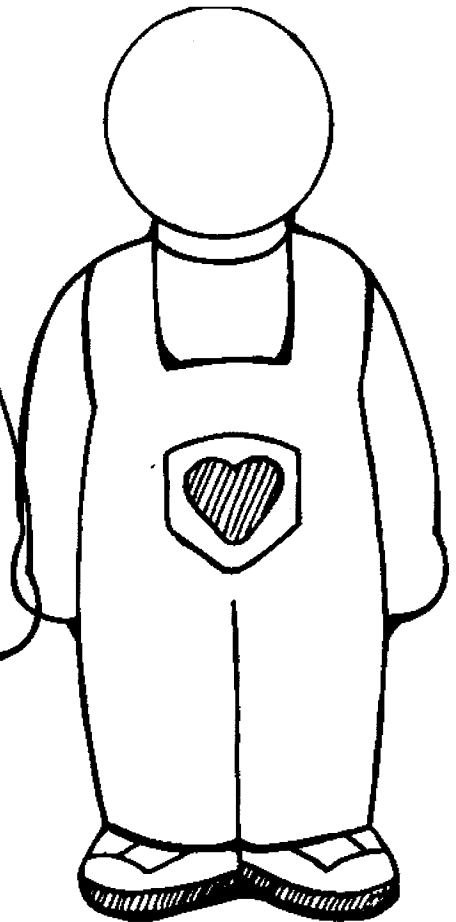
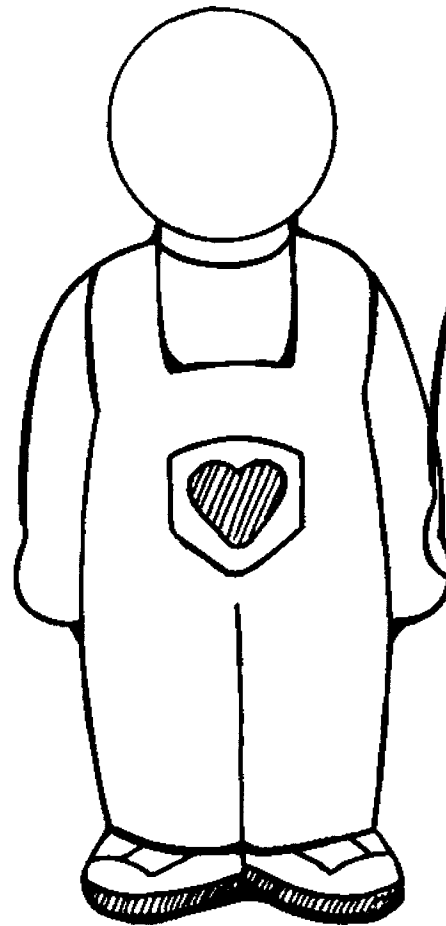
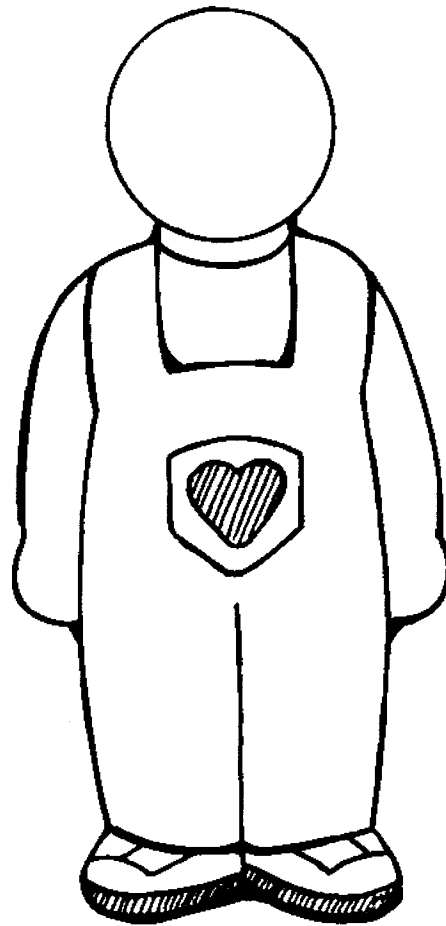
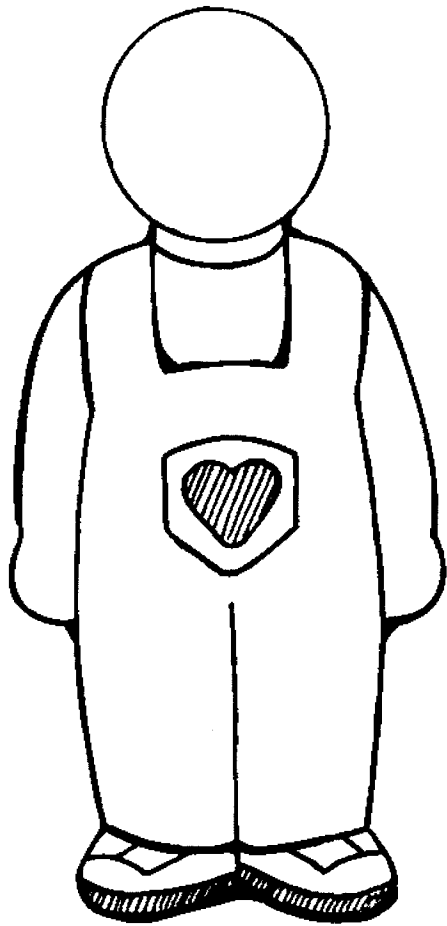
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Moses walked up Mount Sinai to become the mediator between the sinful people and a holy God.

Glue cotton balls or batting on the mountain.

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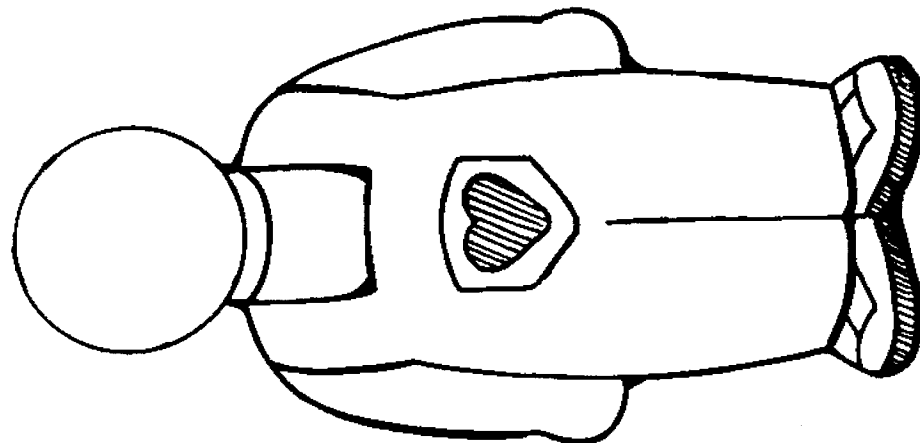
Jesus takes sin from our hearts.

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Hebrews Chapters 8:1-10:18



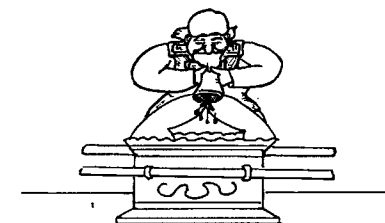
This is what I learned today!

Today we learned that Jesus is our perfect High Priest in heaven. God is perfect and holy. People have selfish sin and are not holy. In the Old Testament, people needed someone to talk to God for them. Moses talked to God on Mount Sinai and was a mediator between God and the Hebrew people. Later, the high priest became the mediator. He met with God once a year in the Holy of Holies in the tabernacle. When the high priest obeyed God, God forgave the sins of all the Hebrews for that year. When Jesus died on the cross, He became the forever Mediator between men and God. Jesus is superior to everyone in the Old Testament because He has the power to take away sin. When we believe that Jesus took the punishment we should have for our sins, then He gives us a clean heart.

Hebrews Memory Verse

We have (a high priest) who...
was without sin. Hebrews 4:15

Mediator Activity



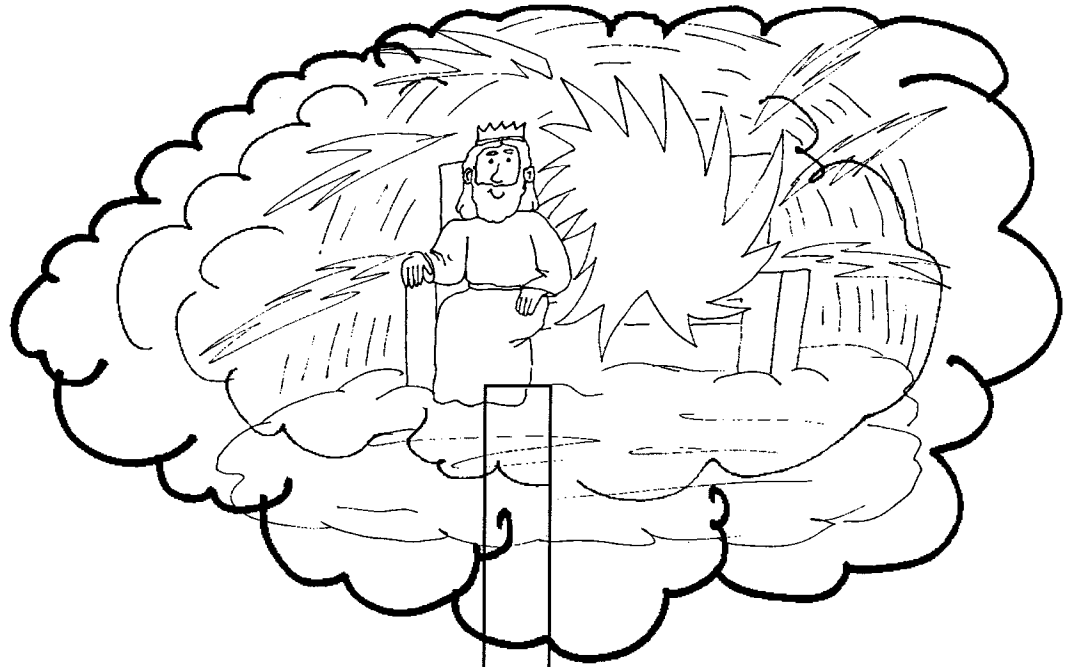
Old Testament
high priest mediator

Bridge Work Activity: Provide blocks and cars. Tell the children they can only drive the cars on top of the blocks. Have them build roads, but introduce a break in the road and ask how they can get the cars to the other side other than flying. Hopefully, a bridge will be suggested. Supply a bridge (wide ruler or paint stick) and allow the children to continue playing. "In today's Bible Adventure, we learned that Jesus is like a bridge. God is holy and perfect. We are not perfect so we cannot be with God. Jesus fills the space between us and God just like this bridge. He is called a 'mediator'."

Jesus Has Power
(tune: "London Bridges")

Jesus has power to take away sin,
Take away sin, take away sin.
Jesus has power to take away sin.
He's our Mediator.

* For tunes to songs, ask about the preschool tape.



Jesus is the holy Mediator
who takes away our sin.

