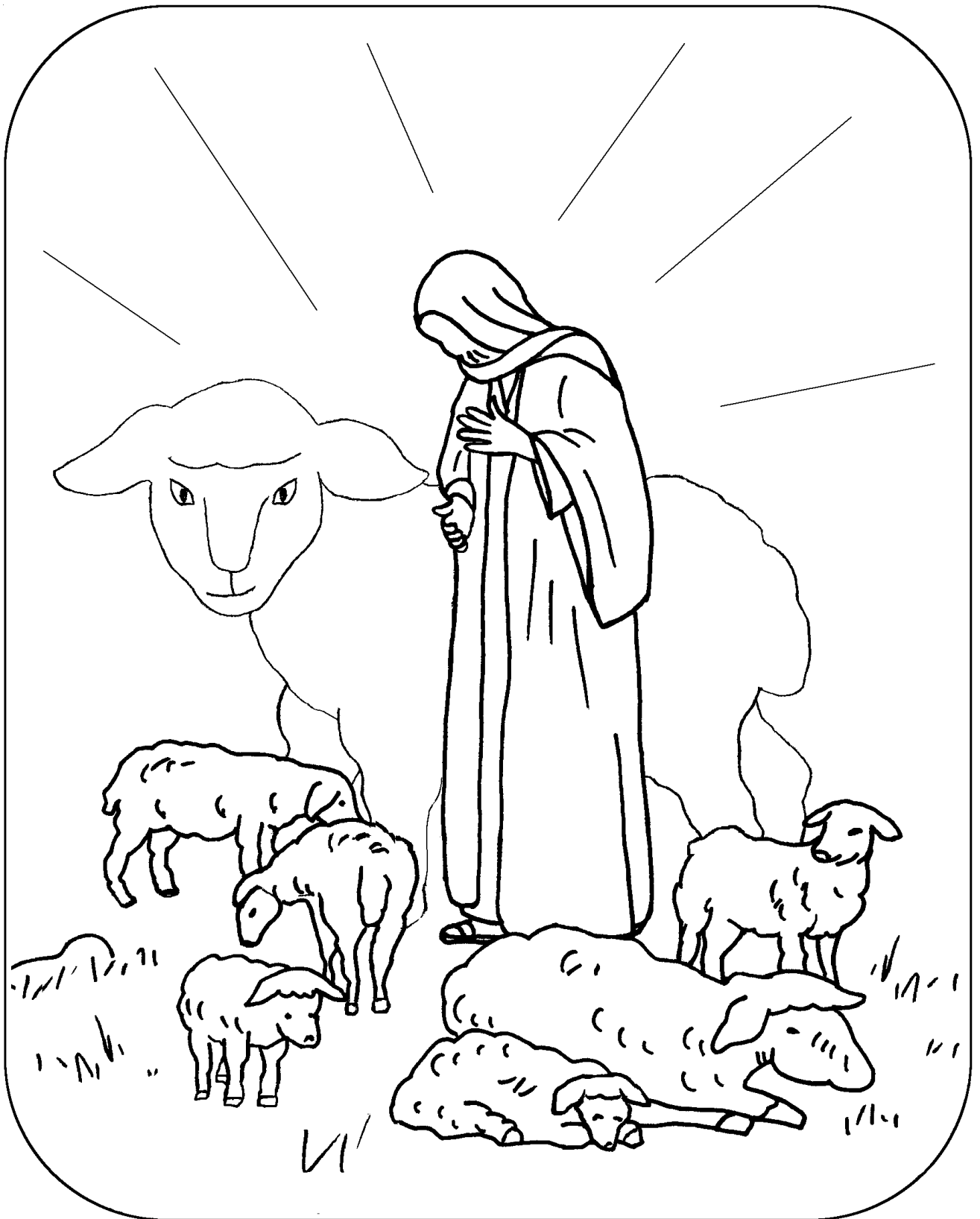


Jesus Christ, God's Perfect Lamb



*And as it is appointed unto men once to die,
but after this the judgment.*

Hebrews 9:27

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In Genesis 3 God made the first sacrifice to provide a covering for man because of his **sin**. God told Adam and Eve that the seed of a woman would bruise the serpent's head. The seed of the woman was Jesus Christ. Jesus was perfect. He has the final victory.

In Genesis 4 God accepted the blood sacrifice of the lamb that Abel brought. Thousands of lambs lost their lives for sacrifices. But they were never enough. Later John the Baptist introduced Jesus as, "the **Lamb** of God which taketh away the sin of the world." (Jn. 1:29)



Hebrews 9 explains that the sacrifices only reminded the people of their sins. They did not remove those sins. Hebrews 9 describes the tabernacle and its furniture. There was an outer veil and an inner veil. The Holy of Holies was behind the inner veil. The cherubim were over the mercy seat of the ark. The priests continually offered sacrifices in the outer tabernacle. However, only the high priest went behind the inner veil **one** time a year. The high priest offered a blood sacrifice for himself and all the people on the day of atonement each year. This sacrifice could not be made by the people. On the day of atonement the people stayed home while the high priest worked.

These sacrifices help us understand the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for us on the cross. Neither the sacrifices nor the gifts of the people could give the worshiper a clean conscience. However Christ came. He was **perfect**. Jesus Christ could give Himself as the perfect sacrifice. Christ was the priest who made the offering. Jesus did not just enter a tabernacle made by man. He entered heaven itself. Jesus went to God the Father with His own shed **blood**. He did not have to make His sacrifice continually. One time was enough.

The **law** could not make any person free from sin. It could only point out sin. However, Christ could free us from sin. God did not want to have sacrifices. He had no pleasure in those things. We can be pure and spotless before God by the blood of Jesus Christ. Are you continually making sacrifices for your sin? Have you been freed from your sin?

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| QUESTIONS: | What is a sacrifice? What do you know about sin? |
| PRAYER: | Father, thank you for sending Jesus to pay for our sin. |

ACTIVITY PAGE

Lesson 27

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| PASSAGE: | Hebrews 9 |
| VERSE: | Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. |
| SONGS: | "Praise Him, Praise Him," "Because He Lives" |
| ACTIVITIES: | <p>Promises: Promise a special snack or a sticker later. SAY: Keep your promise, and point out that God always keeps His promises.</p> <p>Tabernacle or Temple: Show them pictures of these places. Help your child color a simple drawing of some of the tabernacle furniture such as a lampstand, table, veil, altar of incense, ark, etc. SAY: Tell them about a few of the furnishings and their uses. The tabernacle gives us a picture of what God requires.</p> <p>Animals: Consider the various animals that were used for sacrifices such as goats, calves, sheep, etc. SAY: The animals were to be perfect, without blemishes (explain).</p> <p>High Priests: Show them pictures of the priests. Help them color a paper breastpiece according to Exodus 28:15-30. SAY: There were many high priests but only one Great High Priest who was Jesus Christ.</p> <p>One High Priest: Each individual takes the priest a lamb for a sacrifice. They all pretend to sleep and the process is done again and again for several days. SAY: The priests were continually making sacrifices because the sins were never removed.</p> |