

The Day of Atonement

Lesson Text: *Leviticus 16:1-16*

Once a year, Israel's high priest had to do an important job. He presented an animal sacrifice to God for all of the Israelites' sins. Aaron was the first high priest. He wore a plain white robe after washing himself on this special day. Then he went behind the second curtain in the tabernacle to the Holy of Holies. This is where he met with God and offered blood from the sacrifice.

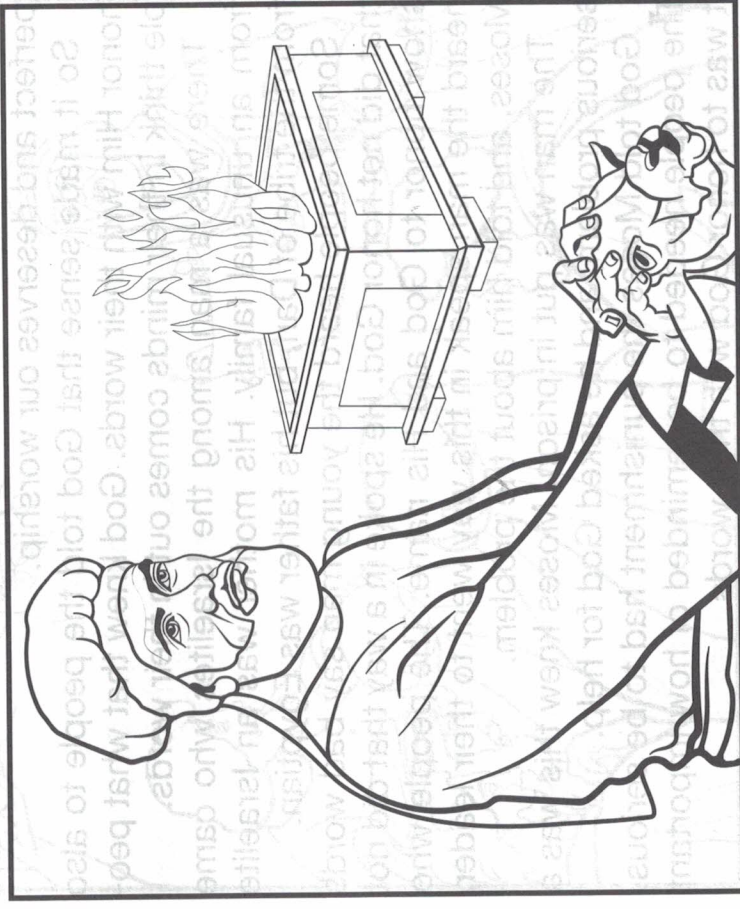
The people did not realize this, but the blood actually represented the blood that Jesus would shed on the cross more than a thousand years later. This verse explains why God sent Jesus to earth. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Because of His love for us, God sent Jesus, who gave His life for us. He died for our sins and rose again. Here are some important words. The *A* stands for "Accept." This means it is important to accept that we are all sinners. We have broken God's laws with our thoughts and actions. *B* stands for "Believe." We need to believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that He died for our sins. He then arose from the dead three days later. Do you believe that? The letter *C* stands for "Confess." If you believe that trusting Jesus to be your Saviour is the only way of being righteous with God, then you should confess your faith in Jesus.

Here are the steps to receiving God's gift of forgiveness: *A* is accept you are a sinner, *B* is believe that Jesus died and rose again for your sins, and *C* means confess your faith in Jesus as the Son of God and your Saviour.

COLOR AND LEARN

"Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place . . . that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat" (Leviticus 16:2).



A goat was killed on the Day of Atonement to cover the sins of Israel.

"Me Too"