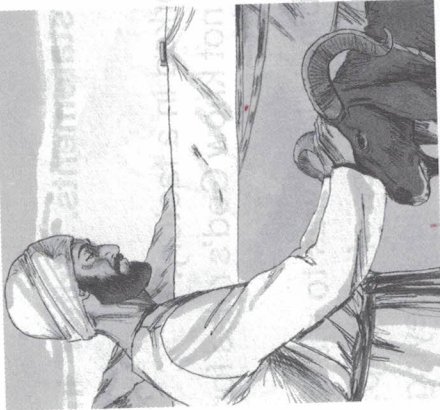


The Day of Atonement

Lesson Text: Leviticus 16:1-16

GOLDEN TEXT—"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).



OUR LESSON TALK

God gave Aaron and his sons the job of leading in worship and going to God for the people. Aaron was the high priest, the top one. He had the job of making a sacrifice once every year to cover everyone's sins. He was the only one who could go once a year into God's presence in the special worship place called the Holy of Holies.

Aaron went there once a year on the Day of Atonement. He had to wash himself and put on special clothing. First he offered a sacrifice for his own sins and those of his family. Then he offered sacrifices for all the people. When Aaron did all this, it made peace with God for another year.

Today we do not have priests, high priests, or sacrifices because when Jesus shed His blood and died on the cross, it opened the way for us to come to God. Unlike the old sacrifices, Jesus did not stay dead. He arose! Now we can come to God at any time.

Circle the things that happened on the Day of Atonement.

- It reminded the people of old times.
- It made peace with God for another year.
- The high priest made sacrifices for sins.
- The high priest went before God.
- It kept the people from ever sinning again.

Fill in the blanks to answer the questions.

Who was the only one who could offer sacrifices on the Day of Atonement?

Aaron, the _____.

How often could he do this?

Once every _____.

Who opened the way for us to go to God whenever we want?

_____.

How did He do that?

By _____ on the _____.

Name two things you often pray about.
