

BIBLE TRUTH 4, LESSON 3: PLANNER/OVERVIEW

GETTING STARTED: Welcome and Opening Songs (*introduce unit and get kids moving with these songs*)

Welcome to Praise Factory: PFI: Praise Factory Investigators Theme Song *PFI NIV Songs 7, Track 1*

Rules to Help Us Worship God and Love One Another: WoGoLOA Classroom Rules Song
PFI NIV Songs 7, Track 2

Big Question Under Investigation: Big Question 7 Songs *PFI NIV Songs 7, Tracks 3,4*

Big Question Bible Verse: Psalm 19:7,9,10,11 Song *PFI NIV Songs 7, Track 5*

DIGGING DEEP DOWN: Key Concept and Story (*introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related story*)

Bible Truth 4: Jesus Kept God's Law Perfectly So by His Grace He Could Save God's People

Bible Truth Hymn: Amazing Grace, vs.1,2 *PFI NIV Songs 7, Tracks 14,15*

Bible Verse: 1 Peter 3:18

Bible Verse Song: For Christ Died for Sin *PFI NIV Songs 7, Track 16*

Extra Bible Verse Song: Observing the Law: Romans 3:20-23 *PFI NIV Songs 7, Track 17*

Lesson 3 New Testament: The Case of the Goat-Lamb Man
Leviticus 16; Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 2:8ff;23; John 19; Hebrews

TAKING ACTION: Response Activities (*choose from among these activities*)

Snack and Discussion Planner: The Scapegoat and the Offering

ACTS Prayer: Prayer Sheet

Bible Truth Review: Discussion Questions and Game: Silly Grand March

Bible Truth Hymn: Amazing Grace, vs.1,2 *PFI NIV Songs 7, Tracks 14,15*

Song, Sign Language and Song Game: Big Voice, Little Voice **PFI NIV Songs 7 BOOK or ONLINE**

Bible Verse Review: 1 Peter 3:18 Discussion Sheet and Game: Verse Hi-Lo

Bible Verse Song: For Christ Died for Sin 1 Peter 3:18 *PFI NIV Songs 7, Track 16*

Song, Sign Language and Song Game: Sign It, Say It, What Does It Mean? **PFI NIV Songs 7 BOOK or ONLINE**

Story Review: Discussion Questions and Game: Bean Bag in the Hole

Case Replay, Jr: Drama Activity for Youngest Children (children do same story actions together)

Case Replay, Sr: Drama Activity for Most Children (children re-tell story with individual parts)

Craft: The Scapegoat

VIPP (Very Important Prayer Person) Prayer Time: Coloring Sheets (back of book) & Game: Stop and Go

TAKING IT HOME: Take Home Sheet for Review and Family Devotions

PFI Pronto: Bible Truth 4, Lesson 3 **PFI NIV PRONTOS 7 BOOK or ONLINE**

The Case of the Goat-Lamb Man by Connie Dever

Leviticus 16; Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 2:8ff;23; John 19; Hebrews

Our story is: The Case of the Goat-Lamb Man. As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

1. Who was the convict? Why was he in jail?
2. What did he do that was so convicting? Who did he hope would change?

This story takes place in New Testament times, when Jesus lived on earth.

Night was falling over Israel and it was getting dark--pitch dark! Back then there was no electricity; only fires and little oil lamps. So when the sun went down, the lights went out and people went home! Everyone, that is, but the protectors of the herds. They stayed up all night in the darkness with the animals.

What could be so important about sheep, goats, and cattle--that they needed babysitting all night, in all kinds of weather? After all, they're just animals, right?

Well, the people of Israel wouldn't call them "just animals." They depended on them for a lot of the clothes and food that ate. The Israelites needed these animals like we need grocery and clothing stores.

Because these animals freely grazed the grasslands and wildernesses of Israel, they needed constant protection, especially at night. Bears, lions, wolves, and thieves were always on the prowl. So, while the rest of Israel closed their eyes in sleep, the cattlemen, feeding their cattle on the grassy Plain of Sharon to the south; and the goatherds and shepherds grazing their goats and sheep out in the wilderness lands to the east, kept their watchful eyes open, all night long.

But there was an even more important reason why these sheep, goats and cattle were protected. The Israelites could not stay spiritually "clean" without them. Thousands of sheep, goats and bulls in perfect condition were needed each year to be used as sacrifices to the LORD at the Temple in Jerusalem. Every morning and every evening, a perfect, one-year-old lamb was offered on the Altar of Burnt Offering as the first and last sacrifices of the day. That's 730 lambs right there! Tens of thousands more, perfect, one-year-old lambs were needed to sacrifice as Passover lambs for the families who came to Jerusalem to celebrate that feast each

year. Now that's a lot of lambs! So many lambs were needed that the priests hired shepherds to keep special flocks of sheep just for Temple use in the not-too-distant hills outside of Bethlehem. They built a watchtower called the Migdal Eder, "tower of the flock," from which to keep better tabs on the sheep. Whenever more sheep were needed in the Temple courts for sacrifices, the shepherds picked out perfect ones and drove them into Jerusalem.

But it wasn't just perfect lambs that were needed. Perfect bulls and goats were necessary for Temple sacrifices, too. It was their blood that was presented to the LORD on the Day of Atonement--the most important day of the year. On that day, the high priest entered the Most Holy Place in the Temple. First, he sacrificed a perfect bull calf as a sin offering for his own sins. After all, he was a law breaker like every other Israelite. He could only bring the people's offering for his own sins. After all, he was a law breaker like every other Israelite. He could only bring the people's offering before the LORD if he had been purified first.

Then, two perfect goats were brought before him. One goat was chosen to be the sin offering for the people. A crimson red thread was tied around its neck. The high priest killed it and then took its blood behind the beautiful, cherubim-embroidered curtain into the Most Holy Place. He sprinkled the blood between the two golden cherubim on the cover of the Ark on the spot called the Mercy Seat. When offered in repentance and faith, the LORD counted this blood sacrifice as acceptable to purify the Most Holy Place of the people's sins for the whole year. This was how the LORD's

Story-telling Tips

Ahead of time:

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
2. Create story cue cards on index cards (or highlight text).
3. Practice telling story dramatically, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary to fit your allotted time.
4. Decorate area with story props that help bring your story alive.

During your presentation:

1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story. Point to/use props at important points in the story. Include the kids in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
2. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

presence could continue to dwell there and the people could stay in fellowship with Him.

After sprinkling the blood on the Mercy Seat, the high priest came out of the Most Holy Place and sprinkled goat's blood on the Holy Place and on the Altar of Burnt Offerings. These needed to be purified from the sins of the people, too, if they were to stay in fellowship with the LORD for the year.

Then other goat was brought the high priest to be the 'scapegoat,' the bearer of the people's sins. The high priest tied a crimson thread around him, too, but this time it was around his head, not his neck. Then he laid both of his hands on the head of the goat and confessed over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites—all their sins. God accepted this confession and transferred the impurity of their sins onto the goat's head. He handed the goat over to a man who led the goat miles away from the Temple to die. This was a sign that God had carried away their sins, never to be counted against them again.

So you see, there were very, very good reasons for those herders to stay out all night the animals. Someone had to protect them so there would be perfect animals for sacrifice. God's people were lawbreakers. They could never stay pure by keeping His laws perfectly. They needed these animals to stay in fellowship with the LORD.

But really, God's people needed more than perfect animals--a lot more. They needed a perfect law-keeping person to offer up Himself in their place. His blood could be the final sacrifice that would satisfy God's wrath against their sins for all time. And God, Himself, chose to provide such a person: His own Son, Jesus.

One night, near Migdal Eder in the hills of Bethlehem, as shepherds kept watch over the Temple sheep an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in Bethlehem, a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

How right it was that the LORD chose to be born in an animal shelter near where shepherds kept the perfect sheep used in Temple sacrifices. Had not He, the LORD Himself, had come to earth to be the perfect, law-keeping man who would lay down His life as the final sacrifice for His people? He was the Lamb of God.

That night was just the beginning. Over the next thirty three years Jesus lived out His call. He kept every single bit of the God's law. There was not even one time when He sinned in His heart, with His words or with anything He did. He always loved God with all His heart, mind, soul and strength. He always loved others. He told people to repent and believe in Him. Those who put their faith in Him as their Savior would be saved from their sins once and for all. He was the perfect, law keeping human who had come to be the final sacrifice for God's People.

At last it came time for Jesus to give up His life. His enemies arrested Him and soldiers nailed Him to the cross. They thought they had won. but Jesus knew better. This was the very thing He had come to do. He was the perfect, law-keeping human come to make the final sacrifice. He had come to suffer and die on that cross for God's people's sins. He was the Scapegoat of God, taking the punishment for all the sins of God's people. When all their sins were paid for, Jesus gave up His spirit and died.

On earth, Jesus' body hung limp and dead. It was buried in the tomb. But Jesus' spirit rose. He was the Perfect High Priest of God. He entered into heaven, the real Most Holy Place, where real cherubim bow before the real throne of God in the fullness of the LORD's glorious Presence. He came before His Father as the perfect high priest who had no sins of his own and brought his own perfect blood to offer as the perfect sacrifice for all those who would ever repent of their sins and believe in Him as their Savior. Here was perfect righteousness that could cleanse guilty consciences and sinful hearts. What no human on earth could do; what no sheep, goats or bulls could do; Jesus did as the final sacrifice.

What happened in heaven was declared on earth.

The veil of the Most Holy Place was torn in two the day Jesus died. No longer did the guilt of sin separate the holy LORD from His people. The LORD's holiness was satisfied once and for all with Jesus' perfect, law-keeping life as substitute for theirs. The final sacrifice had been made.

And on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had conquered sin and death for all of God's people. Yes, He was the final sacrifice!

Cracking the Case:

It's time to answer our Case Questions.

1. Who was Goat-Lamb Man? What goat was he like? What lamb was he like?

Jesus. He was like the scapegoat who bore the people's sins and took them away. He was like the Passover lamb that was killed so that God would Passover the people's sins.

2. What did he do so that no more goats or lambs were needed? Jesus bore the punishment for sins of God's people in His body, once and for all. No more scapegoats or Passover lambs would ever be needed again. They pointed to His final, perfect sacrifice.

Something For You and Me

**Our Bible Truth is: Jesus Kept God's Laws Perfectly
So By His Grace He Could Save His People**

Our Bible Verse is: 1 Peter 3:18:

"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."

How awesome is the LORD! How perfect His holiness! How great His wrath against the sins of His people. Yet, how great is His love! How amazing His grace! To think, that God the Father would send His Son to become a man, to live the perfect life His people could never live. That He would choose to suffer their punishment and death, so that He by His grace He could give them the gifts of forgiveness of sins and eternal life that they never could deserve!

Let's praise the LORD for the riches of His love. Let's ask Him to help us to never forget what Jesus did to be the final sacrifice for God's people. Let's ask Him to work in our hearts that we might turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior,. Let's ask Him to help us live out our lives in thankfulness and in obedience as the best way we have to show Him how grateful we are for

what He has done.

Close in prayer.

Closing ACTS Prayer

A God, we praise You for being the Gracious Provider of the final sacrifice for sins, without which we could never be saved.

C God, we confess that we are sinners who cannot please You with our own goodness. We need Jesus to be the Lamb who perfectly takes away the punishment for our sins.

T God, we thank You for sending Jesus to take the punishment for sinners like us! Thank You that our guilt can be completely taken away because of Him!

S God, work in our hearts! Help us to turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to live thankful and joyful lives that seek to obey You in everything we do, as the only way we have to show how grateful we are.

Special Words

Holy: Without sin. Perfectly acceptable and dedicated to God and His good ways.

Scapegoat: The special goat that is sent out into the wilderness and killed, as a symbol of the sins of God's people being borne away.

Temple: The special worship house in Jerusalem where God's presence especially dwelt and sacrifices to Him were offered, especially in Old Testament times.

ACTS PRAYER ACTIVITY

Use this sheet to write down your ACTS Prayer

Instructions:

Use this sheet to help the children apply the Bible Truth into a prayer. You can use the ACTS provided or even better, have the kids think of their own applications. Also have the children add their personal requests to the prayer, too. Lead the children in the prayer or let them pray sections, with your help. Never force a child to pray! Non-readers can participate by you whispering a section of the prayer into their ear and allowing them to pray it aloud for the group.

ADORATION:

God, we praise You for being so merciful! You, Yourself, provided the perfect sacrifice for sin.

God, we praise You for being.....

Add your own Adorations:

CONFESSION:

God, we confess that we are lawbreakers who could never please You with our own keeping of Your laws. We need a Savior!

God, we have sinned against You....

Add your own Confessions:

THANKSGIVING:

Thank You, Jesus for offering up Your life as the perfect sacrifice for all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in You as their Savior.

God, we thank You for...

Add your own Thanksgivings:

SUPPLICATION:

God, work in our hearts, that we might all turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

God, we need Your help...

Add your own Supplication:

SNEAKY SNACK

Can you figure out how this snack ties in with our case?

Snack: The Scapegoat and the Offering

Two Goat head pear halves decorated with raisin eyes (on side of head); almond "ears" and Chinese noodle "horns". With optional red lace licorice "thread" like what they tied around the goats' necks.

NOTE: You can substitute almonds with chunks from a thin chocolate candy bar for ears, if concerned about nut allergies

This is only a suggestion. Feel free to modify. Be mindful of allergy issues among your children!

Case Tie-in: For hundreds of years, two goats were used in the yearly, special offering for the sins of God's people. But the blood of animals could never really take away the sins of people or keep people in fellowship with God. They were pointers to the one, final sacrifice that would be made to take away the sins of God's people: Jesus! He was the real scapegoat who took away God's people's sins. He was the offering that was truly acceptable to God, once and for all time.

SOUL FOOD

Food for thought during snack time

1. What does the snack have to do with the story?

Choose a few questions from the other activity discussion sheets to talk about during this snack time.

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Directions: Read and discuss Bible Truth, using a FEW of the questions. Play game. Feel free to modify the game to fit your children.

Jesus Kept God's Law Perfectly So by His Grace He Could Save God's People

From the time Adam and Eve became lawbreakers, people have offered sacrifices for their sins.

God's laws tell us there is no forgiveness of sin without the shedding of blood. God commanded the Israelites to offer up the blood of animals when they sinned, as a sign of their desire to turn from their sins and trust in Him to save them. God received their offerings, given in repentance and faith, and allowed them to remain in fellowship with Him.

But the blood of animals could never take away the sins of a human. Only the blood of a human who lived God's laws perfectly and offered up his life in the sinner's place could do that. God, in His mercy, did just this. He sent His Son Jesus to take on human flesh and be that perfect sacrifice for sins.

Jesus was fully God and fully human. He was perfect; He was not born with a sinful heart like us. Jesus kept all of God's laws. He loved God and others perfectly. He fulfilled all of God's Law with His life. He offered up His life on the cross as the perfect sacrifice for God's people's sins. He took upon Himself the punishment they deserved that they might be forgiven their sins once and for all. On the third day, God raised Jesus, showing that the power of sin and death had indeed been broken by His perfect sacrifice.

None of us will ever be able to earn salvation with a perfectly lived life, but each of us can have salvation through God's grace—His undeserved gift of salvation to sinners—if we come to Him in repentance and faith in Jesus.

Understanding the Bible Truth

1. What did people offer from the time of Adam and Eve? *Sacrifices for sin.*
2. What do God's laws tell us must be shed for there to be forgiveness of sin? *Blood.*
3. Why did God command the Israelites to offer up the blood of animals when they sinned? *As a sign of their desire to turn from their sins and trust Him to save them.*
4. What did God look for in their hearts to go with their sacrifices for sin? *Repentance (turning from their sins) and faith in Him.*
5. What did God do when He accepted the offerings of animal blood? *He allowed them to remain in fellowship with Him.*
6. What couldn't the blood of animals take away? What could? *It could never take away sins. That could only be done by the blood of a human who lived God's laws perfectly and offered up his life in the sinner's place.*
7. Why did God accept Jesus' offering of His blood as payment for the sins of His people? *Jesus was perfect. He always loved God and others. He kept God's laws perfectly.*
8. What did Jesus take upon Himself on the cross? *All the punishment for God's people's sins.*
9. How do we know that Jesus made the perfect sacrifice and broke the power of sin and death? *God raised Him from the dead.*
10. Why can't we earn our own salvation? *We are all sinners. We do not live the perfect life God justly requires of us.*
11. How can we be saved? *By turning from our sins and trusting in Jesus, receiving God's gift of salvation through Him.*

Bible Truth Story Connection Questions

1. Why was it fitting for Jesus to be born at Bethlehem? *It was where the lambs were kept for the Temple sacrifices. Jesus had come to be the perfect and final sacrifice for His people.*
2. What does our story have to do with our Bible Truth? *Jesus offered His life up as the perfect sacrifice. On the cross, He bore the sins of His people. God was satisfied with His blood shed for them. Now all who turned from their sins and trusted in Jesus as Savior could be saved by His free gift to them.*

Bible Verse Connection Question

1. What does our Bible Truth have to do with our **Bible Verse: 1 Peter 3:18**: "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."?
For hundreds of years, the people of Israel sacrificed animals to stay in fellowship with the LORD, but they never could actually take away the sins of God's people. Only Jesus could do this, as the Son of God and a perfect human. He died once for the sins of all who would ever turn from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. This is how Jesus brought God's people into true and everlasting fellowship with God.

Life Application Questions

1. Can anyone be too sinful to be saved? Why or why not? *No. Any who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be saved—no matter what they have done.*

ACTS Questions

1. What is something we can praise God for because of this Bible Truth?

Praise God for being so merciful that He, Himself, provided the perfect sacrifice for sin.

2. What are sins we can confess to God because of this Bible Truth?

Confess ways that we have broken God's Law this week. Confess that we are lawbreakers who cannot save ourselves. We deserve God's punishment! We need a Savior!

3. What is something we can thank God for because of this Bible Truth?

Thank Jesus for offering up His life as the perfect sacrifice for His people's sins.

4. What is something we can ask God for because of this Bible Truth?

Ask God to work in our hearts, that we might all turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

The Gospel

1. We are all sinners who cannot please God with our lives. We deserve God's punishment. Is there any hope for us? What is the gospel?

God is the good Creator and King of the world. He made people to worship Him and live by His good laws. But we are all sinners who have rebelled against Him. We all deserve death--God's just, eternal punishment for our sins. How terrible! But God has good news for us. In His great mercy, God sent His Son Jesus to earth to save sinners. Yes, Jesus, the perfect Son of God, left His home in heaven and became a man. He lived the perfect life that pleases God. (He's the only one who has ever done that!) He offered it up to God His Father as the perfect sacrifice for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had fully paid for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. They will be His very own special people who will know Him and enjoy Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

Game: Silly Grand March

Materials

CD and CD player
Small bowl or bag
Bible Truth Questions

Preparing the Game

1. Choose 20+ questions for your game from the Bible Truth Discussion Questions, or make up your own.
2. Write the Bible Truth questions on small thin strips of paper (or make a photocopy of the Bible Truth Discussion Questions and simply cut them into strips) and put them in the bag/bowl.

Playing the Game

Have the children form partners, then form a big double circle. Tell the children to move however you command them to move, such as march, walk, skip, tip toes, big knee bends, pat head, fly like a bird, etc. (BUT NOT RUN!!!) when you play the music. But when the music stops, they and their partner are to grab hands and sit down as quickly as possibly. The last pair to sit down become the Question Choosers for the class. If the class answers it correctly, then the pair is added back into the group immediately. If not, then the pair stays out until another round when a correct answer is given to a question. (Feel free to add back incorrectly answered questions into the bag).

Game continues as number of questions, time, and attention span allow.

NOTE: Have the children who are "out" help make up actions for the other children to do, put them in charge of the music, etc. along with you. This will keep them happily occupied as they continue.

Non-competitive Option

Don't exclude the Question Choosers from the game, even if class gets the wrong answer.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Quiz Questions

Have the children choose a few of the questions from the game to ask the parents/other children during TAKING IT TO OTHERS time. Help pre-readers by whispering the question in their ear and letting them ask it aloud to the parents/other children. Make sure you read the Bible verse aloud before you ask your questions.

Directions:

1. Write words to song in large print before class.
2. Play the song for the children, helping them follow along on the song sheet.
3. Discuss the song, using a few questions from the discussion sheet. *Don't use them all!*
4. Introduce sign language for key words of your choice from sign language sheet for your song. Use as few or as many as you think the children can learn.
5. Sing and sign the song. Sign language as well as large format lyrics and sheet music are found in the PFI Unit Songbook or online.
6. If desired, play the Song Game.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Presenting and Singing the Song

1. Sing and sign the song, encouraging the watching children/parents to join in.
2. Ask the class some of the questions listed below. The Bible Truth Connection Question is particularly good to help them understand how the song ties in with the Bible Truth.

Amazing Grace**Verse 1**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found.
Was blind but now I see.

Listen to it on PFI NIV Songs 7, Tracks 14,15

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Understanding the Song

1. What is grace? *Being treated with favor or given a gift that you could never deserve.*
2. What is a wretch? *A person who has done bad things and deserves nothing. A person who is bad trouble and can't get out of it.*
3. What was the wretch saved from? *From the punishment he deserved from God for the bad things he had done; and, from the trouble his sins had gotten him into.*
4. Who saved this wretch and how? *Jesus died on the cross to pay for his sins and the Holy Spirit worked in his heart that he might see his sins, turn from them and believe in Jesus.*
5. How is being a sinner like being "lost" and becoming one of God's people like being found? *All people were made to know and love God, yet they rebelled against Him and cut themselves off from Him. Now, unless God works in their hearts to help them believe in Jesus and receive forgiveness for sins, they will live their lives apart from God and His blessings, like someone lost out on their own away from their home. But, when someone does turn to God and believe in Jesus, they come to know God again and all the blessings that come with knowing Him. That is like being found and brought back to your wonderful home after being lost out on your own.*
6. What kind of "blindness" and "seeing" did the wretch have? *Spiritual blindness—not being able to know that you are a sinner or know God. Spiritual sight—being able to know that you are a sinner and able to know God.*
7. What three things did God in His grace "do" in the wretch's heart (verse 2)? *Made his heart to fear God's wrath against his sin; relieved his fears as he learned about Jesus' offer of forgiveness to those who believe in Him; and, worked in his heart that he would believe in Jesus as his Savior.*
8. How did God in His grace "do" these things in the wretch's heart? *By His Holy Spirit, working in his heart.*

Bible Truth Connection Question

1. How does this song relate to our **Bible Truth: Jesus Kept God's Laws Perfectly So That By His Grace, He Could Save God's People**? *We would all be lost in our sins and rebellion forever if it were not for God sending His Son Jesus. Jesus kept God's laws perfectly and offered up Himself as the perfect sacrifice needed for sin. Then He gives to all who repent of their sins and trust in Him the amazingly gracious gift of salvation. He first gives them "sight" to make them aware of their sinfulness and to fear His judgment, then as they turn to Him, He relieves their fears by taking away their guilt the hour they believe.*

Story Connection

1. How does this song relate to our story? *The LORD was holy and the people were sinful. They could only stay in fellowship with God with the shedding of blood. For years and years, two goats were used as a picture of the one who was needed to bear their sin away on their behalf and the fear of God's judgment upon them. Only in Jesus was their guilty fears relieved. He came as the lamb of God--final sacrifice for their sins. He bore away their sins when He died on the cross. By His grace, His gift of salvation to undeserving sinners, He saved God's people. How precious did that grace appear when at last they believed in Him and received this gift!*

Bible Connection Question

1. What does this hymn have to do with our Bible Verse: **1 Peter 3:18**: *"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."*

God, in His kind grace, shows His people that they are "wretches" before Him—they are sinners deserving His punishment. When they see they deserve His punishment it causes them to fear. But God does not leave His people there. Through His Word and others sharing the good news of Jesus with them, they hear how God sent His Son Jesus to take the punishment for the sins of all those who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their own Savior. They are forgiven! They will not face God's punishment! This relieves their fears from the hour they believe. How amazing is God's grace given to them through Jesus!

ACTS Questions

1. What is something we can praise God for from this hymn? *Praise God for being the Giver of Amazing Grace, enough to save His sinful people.*

2. What are sins we can confess to God from this hymn? *We can confess that many times we are blind to our sins, not even seeing them. We need God's grace! We need a Savior!*

3. What is something we can thank God for from this hymn? *We can thank God for showing His people their sins, helping them fear His punishment, and then forgiving their sins through Jesus. We can thank God for the gift of faith, given to His people, by His grace.*

4. What is something we can ask God for from this hymn? *That God would work in our hearts that we might see our sins, turn from them and trust Jesus as our Savior*

Life Application Questions

1. How can our lives be affected by the message of this song? *We thank God for His amazing grace shown to sinners and ask Him to send the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts that we might see our sins, turn from them and believe in Jesus as our own Savior, like the person in this song.*

Gospel Question

1. What is God's amazing grace that brings salvation? What is the gospel?

God is the good Creator and King of the world. He made people to worship Him and live by His good laws. But we are all sinners who've rebelled against Him. We all deserve death--God's just, eternal punishment for our sins. How terrible! But God has good news for us. In His great mercy, God sent His Son, Jesus to earth as a man to save sinners. He lived the perfect life that pleases God. (He's the only one who's ever done that!) He offered it up to God His Father as the perfect sacrifice for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had fully paid for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. They will be His very own special people who will know Him and enjoy Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

Song Game: Big Voice, Little Voice

Materials

Song

Sign language signs used in the song printed out onto little cards

Blindfold

Preparing the Game

None.

Playing the Game

1. Practice the song and signs until the children know them well. Then tell them: "Children, we are going to hide a sign language sign and see if one of you can find it... with a little help from the rest of us!"
2. Choose someone to be "It" and blindfold them. Choose another child to hide one of the sign language cards. When it's hidden, "It" can remove the blindfold and begin to look.
3. The rest of the children will sing the song in a louder voice when "It" gets closer to the hidden sign and quieter when "It" gets further from the sign.
4. When "It" finds the hidden clue, another "It" is chosen and play begins again.

Game continues as number of questions, time, and attention span allow.

choose a FEW questions for discussion, then choose the game and/or music activity

Meditation Version: 1 Peter 3:18

“For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.”

Understanding the Bible Verse

1. What does Christ mean? *Christ is the Greek word that means the same thing as Messiah in Hebrew. It means “Sent One” and is the name for the special anointed one who God would send to save His people.*
2. Who is the Christ? What did He die for? *Jesus. For sins.*
3. What does it mean that He suffered once for sins “once for all?” *That no one had to die again for sins. His sacrifice was enough.*
4. What does righteous mean? *To love God and live according to His laws.*
5. Who is the righteous one who died for the unrighteous? *Christ.*
6. Who is unrighteous? *All of us. We do not love God or live according to His laws as we should.*
7. Why did Christ die for the unrighteous? *To bring us to God.*
8. What does it “bring us to God” mean? *In this life, to take away the barrier of your guilt and sin so that you can know and love God and have the Holy Spirit in your heart. After we die, it means that we are really brought to live with God in His glorious presence forever and ever.*
9. Why did we need Christ to bring us to God? *We are all lawbreakers. Our sins keep us from being able to come to God. Christ was without sin. He was righteous. Only He could offer up His life as the perfect substitute and sacrifice in our place. He is the only way we can come to God.*
10. Who is “you” in this verse? *This verse comes from a letter Peter wrote to Christians in Asia, but it applies to all believers. All who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.*
11. Did anyone “make” Jesus die? *God the Father and God the Son (Christ) chose for Him to do this from before the creation of the world.*

Bible Truth Connection Question

1. What does this verse have to do with the **Bible Truth: Jesus Kept God’s Laws Perfectly So That By His Grace, He Could Save God’s People?** *Jesus chose to suffer and die on the cross as the perfect substitute for all who turn from their sins and trust in Him as Savior. He alone is righteous. He alone kept God’s laws perfectly, so he alone could bring us to God. He knew none of us could never pay for our own sins. We would never be able to come to God on our own. So He chose to give up His life to give them salvation by His grace--His free gift given to undeserving sinners, like you and me. Yes, He would bring us to God.*

Story Connection Questions

1. How does this verse relate to our story? *The herdsmen carefully protected their animals from all dangers so that they could be the animals without blemish needed for sacrifices in the Temple. Without these animals, no sacrifices could be made and fellowship with God through the Temple could not be kept up. God sent Jesus to be born a human to live a perfect life so that He could be the final perfect sacrifice. Like the scapegoat He bore His people’s sins. Like the high priest, He took His own blood to be the perfect sacrifice that would bring people to God, once and for all. No more sacrifices would be needed again.*

Life Application Questions

1. Is there anyone too unrighteous for Christ to be unable to save? Why? *No. Christ’s death was enough for anyone who turns from their sins and trusts in Him, no matter how much evil they have done. We have sinful hearts that want to turn away from God and live our own way.*
2. Is there anyone so righteous that they do not need to be saved? Why? *No. Even someone who does many good things is a sinner. They can never be perfect, so they will never be able to save themselves.*
3. How do you think of yourself as righteous or unrighteous? How does God think of you? *If you are not a Christian, God thinks of you as still unrighteous in your own sins. If you are a Christian, He thinks of you as righteous through Christ. He does not hold your sins against you any more.*
4. What can we receive God’s forgiveness for our unrighteous acts? *By turning from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our own Savior.*

ACTS Questions

1. What is something we can praise God for from this Bible Verse? *Praise God for being the Sender of Jesus to bring the unrighteous to God.*
2. What are sins we can confess to God from this Bible Verse? *Ways that we have been unrighteous this week.. We deserve God's punishment! We need a Savior!*
3. What is something we can thank God for from this Bible Verse? *We can thank God not just giving His unrighteous people the punishment they deserve, but providing the righteousness of Jesus to pay for their sins.*
3. *We can thank God not just giving His unrighteous people the punishment they deserve, but providing the righteousness of Jesus to pay for their sins.*
4. What is something we can ask God for from this Bible Verse?
We can ask God to work in our hearts that we would want to turn away from unrighteousness—from disobeying Him and trust in this wonderful Jesus as our own Savior, that we might be brought (know) to God to live forever with Him.

The Gospel

1. What did Jesus do so that sinners can be forgiven their sins instead of facing God's eternal punishment? What is the gospel?
God is the good Creator and King of the world. He made people to worship Him and live by His good laws. But we are all sinners who have rebelled against Him. We all deserve death--God's just, eternal punishment for our sins. How terrible! But God has good news for us. In His great mercy, God sent His Son Jesus to earth to save sinners. Yes, Jesus, the perfect Son of God, left His home in heaven and became a man. He lived the perfect life that pleases God. (He's the only one who has ever done that!) He offered it up to God His Father as the perfect sacrifice for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had fully paid for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. They will be His very own special people who will know Him and enjoy Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

Game: Verse Hi-Lo

Materials

Bible verse written up in large print so that all can see
A long pieces of rope

Preparing the Game

1. Make up some questions about the verse and/or story. Use the Bible verse and Story Review Discussion questions, if desired.

Learning the Verse

Some or all of your children may be non- or early readers. Teach the verse in sections, having them say it after you. Repeat a few times. Add clapping or other movement as they say it.

Directions

1. If desired, lead the children in a discussion of a **FEW** of the most important questions before beginning game.
2. Explain the game to them as follows:
Have the children line up in a straight line behind the leader. Explain to them that they will recite the Bible verse and then have a chance to see how high they can jump. After each round, the rope will be raised a little higher. jump across. For caution sake, don't raise it so high that most children will likely trip. One foot high is a good stopping height. Help younger children by holding one of their hands while they jump over. If a child can't make it over, he can answer one of the questions about the verse you prepared to get another chance to jump (Let him have a partner to help with answering their question, if desired.)

Game continues as time and attention span allow.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Quiz Questions

Have the children choose a few of the questions from the game to ask the parents/other children during TAKING IT TO OTHERS time. Help pre-readers by whispering the question in their ear and letting them ask it aloud to the parents/other children. Make sure you read the Bible verse aloud before you ask your questions.

Directions:

1. Write words to song in large print before class.
2. Play the song for the children, helping them follow along on the song sheet.
3. Discuss the song, using a few questions from the discussion sheet. *Don't use them all!*
4. Introduce sign language for key words of your choice from sign language sheet for your song. Use as few or as many as you think the children can learn.
5. Sing and sign the song. Sign language as well as large format lyrics and sheet music are found in the PFI Unit Songbook or online.
6. If desired, play the Song Game.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Presenting and Singing the Song

1. Sing and sign the song, encouraging the watching children/parents to join in.
2. Ask the class some of the questions listed below. The Bible Truth Connection Question is particularly good to help them understand how the song ties in with the Bible Truth.

For Christ Died for Sins

For Christ died for sins, once for all,
 The righteous for the unrighteous,
 To bring you to God,
 Bring you to God,
 For Christ died to bring you to God.
 First Peter Three, eighteen..

Listen to it on PFI NIV Songs 7, Track 16

Song Game: Sign It, Say It, What Does It Mean?**Materials**

Sign Language signs used in song, particularly choose words with important meanings you want the children to learn, such as "grace", "redeem", etc.

Bag or bowl

Preparing the Game

1. Cut out signs and put in bowl.

Playing the Game

1. Practice the song and signs until the children know them well. Then put all the signs we've learned in this bag/ bowl and mix them up.
2. Ask one of the children to choose a sign, but not show it to anyone...but you, if they need some help.
3. Ask the child to do the sign for the rest of the children and see if the other children can guess which one it is. Do the sign with the child, if desired.
4. When the children guess the sign, ask them the meaning of the word. If no one guesses the sign, put it back in the bowl to be picked again.
5. Choose another child to pick a new sign from the bag and continue.

NOTE: You might want to sing the song after you do each word or couple of words.

Game continues as number of questions, time, and attention span allow.

STORY REVIEW

Directions: Read and discuss Bible Truth, using a FEW of the questions. Play game. Feel free to modify the game to fit your children.

General Story Questions

1. What did most people do when the sun set in Israel back then? *Stopped working and went to bed.*
2. Why didn't the herdsmen go to bed? *They had to protect the animals from wild animals and thieves.*
3. Why were the sheep, goats and cattle so important? *They were the sources of food and many other necessities PLUS they were needed to keep the Israelites pure for worship of the LORD in the Temple.*
4. What were the lambs used for? *Passover and the daily morning and evening sacrifices.*
5. Where did they keep the special flocks of sheep for the Temple? Why? *In the hills outside of Bethlehem, not far from Jerusalem. So many were needed on a daily basis that they could be brought on short notice from Bethlehem to the Temple in Jerusalem.*
6. What special day were the bull calves and goats needed for? *The Day of Atonement.*
7. What special place did the High priest go into on the Day of Atonement? *The Most Holy Place.*
8. What was done with the blood of the bull calf? *Used as a sacrifice for the high priest's sins so he could enter the Most Holy Place.*
9. What happened to the goat with the crimson thread around its neck? *Its blood was sprinkled on the Mercy Seat in the Most Holy Place and on all the things in the Holy Place to purify them of the people's sins so the LORD's Presence would continue to dwell there.*
10. What was the goat called who had the crimson thread around its head? What happened to it? *The scapegoat. The high priest laid his hands upon it and confessed over it all of the people's sins. The LORD accepted this prayer and transferred their uncleanness for sins for the year to the goat. The goat was taken miles away to die. Then the LORD counted the people as clean for fellowship with Him for the year.*
11. What could the blood of bulls and goats never take away? *Guilt for sin.*
12. What alone could take away the people's guilt? *A human who perfectly lived God's laws and gave up his life as a substitute for them.*
13. Why was it fitting that Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem? *He was God's Son sent to be the final, perfect sacrifice for sins. It was fitting He was born not far from the Temple flocks of sheep.*
14. What was Jesus' life like? *He kept all of God's laws perfectly; He loved God with all His heart, mind, soul, and strength. He loved others perfectly. He never sinned in His thoughts, His words, His actions.*
15. Why did Jesus have to live a perfect life? *Only way He could be the perfect/final sacrifice for sins.*
16. How was Jesus the Perfect Scapegoat? *He bore all His people's sins and took away their guilt once and for all when He suffered on the cross.*
17. How was Jesus the perfect High Priest? *He didn't have to make a sacrifice for His own sin; instead He gave His own blood to bring peace between God and His people forever.*
18. Where did Jesus present His final sacrifice? *Not in the Temple on earth, but before the real throne of God in the glorious presence of the LORD and the host of cherubim.*
19. What happened on earth to "prove" what Jesus did in heaven? *The veil that hid the Most Holy Place was torn in two; Jesus rose from the dead on the third day to show He had conquered sin and death.*

Bible Truth Connection Questions

1. What does this story have to do with our Bible Truth? *Jesus offered His life up as the perfect sacrifice. On the cross, He bore the sins of His people. God was satisfied with His blood shed for them. Now all who turned from their sins and trusted in Jesus as Savior could be saved by His free gift to them.*

Life Application Questions

1. Can we live lives that are good enough to please God? Why not? How can we please God? *No, because we are all sinners. Only perfect lives please God. We can please God by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus to be our Savior. His perfect life pleases God.*

Bible Verse Connection Question

1. What does the story have to do with our **Bible Verse: 1 Peter 3:18**: "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God." ?

The herdsmen carefully protected their animals from all dangers so that they could be the animals without blemish needed for sacrifices in the Temple. Without these animals, no sacrifices could be made and fellowship with God through the Temple could not be kept up. God sent Jesus to be born a human to live a perfect life so that He could be the final perfect sacrifice. Like the scapegoat He bore His people's sins. Like the high priest, He took His own blood to be the perfect sacrifice that would bring people to God, once and for all. No more sacrifices would be needed again.

ACTS Questions

1. What is something we can praise God for being that we learned in our story?

We can praise God for being the Gracious Provider of the final sacrifice for sins, without which we could never be saved.

2. What is something we can confess as sin that we learned in our story?

We can confess that we are sinners who cannot please God with our own goodness. We need Jesus to be the Lamb who perfectly takes away the punishment for our sins.

3. What is something we can thank God for that we learned in our story?

Jesus took the punishment for the sins of all who turn in repentance and faith to Him as their Savior. He has taken away all the guilt of our sins

4. What is something we can ask God for that we learned in our story? *We can ask God to help us live out our lives in humble thankfulness and joyful obedience to show Him how much we appreciate what He has done.*

The Gospel

1. Why do God's people need Jesus to be the Lamb who takes away their sins? What is the gospel?

God is the good Creator and King of the world. He made people to worship Him and live by His good laws. But we are all sinners who have rebelled against Him. We all deserve death--God's just, eternal punishment for our sins. How terrible! But God has good news for us. In His great mercy, God sent His Son Jesus to earth to save sinners. Yes, Jesus, the perfect Son of God, left His home in heaven and became a man. He lived the perfect life that pleases God. (He's the only one who has ever done that!) He offered it up to God His Father as the perfect sacrifice for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had fully paid for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. They will be His very own special people who will know Him and enjoy Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

Game: Beanbag in the Hole

Materials

Paper and pencil
Markers
Story Review Discussion & Quiz Questions
Beanbag
2' by 2' piece of cardboard
Tape

Preparing the Game

1. Choose 20+ questions for your game from the Story Review Discussion Questions, or make up your own.
2. Bend back about 3" along two opposite sides of the cardboard. Cut 3 to 5 holes in the main part of the cardboard that are just large enough for the beanbag to be thrown in easily. Use the tape along the top and bottom to hold back in place the bend sides of the cardboard, making a stand for the target. Use the markers to write point values for each hole in the target.

Playing the Game

Divide the children into two teams. Teams will take turns tossing the beanbag at the target board. Each child gets three chances to get the beanbag in a hole. If he does, the leader reads a question to the child/team. A correct answer is worth as many points as is indicated on the target hole.. If answered incorrectly, the question goes to the other team who can get half the point value for a correct answer.

Game continues until the children find all the questions, or as number of questions, time, and attention span allow.

Non-competitive Option

Don't split into teams. Set a target point number for the group, telling them that together they are going to see how many turns it takes to reach the target number. Have the children take turns tossing the beanbag (three tries each). Tally number of turns on a piece of paper. When the target number has been reached, start over and try to reach the target number in fewer turns.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Quiz Questions

Have the children choose a few of the questions from the game to ask the parents/other children during TAKING IT TO OTHERS time. Help pre-readers by whispering the question in their ear and letting them ask it aloud to the parents/other children.

CASE REPLAY ACTIVITIES**P.1**

Use this guide to review the Case Story and act it out for others to enjoy!

CASE REPLAY, JR: YOUNGEST CHILDREN

Description: The children will act out the story together, everyone doing the same action/sound effect at the same time. This activity is most suitable for kindergarteners.

Materials

The Case RePlay, Jr. script for younger children

Preparation

1. Read through the script and write in the blanks along the side possible actions/sound effects the children could do to act it out.

Instructions

1. Tell the children that they will be re-enacting the story together as you tell it.
2. As you read the script, lead the children in actions/sound effects to do with you.
3. If desired, you can read the script and stop at certain sentences and ask them what a good action/sound effect would be to act out what you just read.
4. Repeat the re-enactment one or two times more.

CASE REPLAY, SR: OLDER CHILDREN

Description: The children act out the story as a three-scene play. You will narrate it using the Case RePlay, Sr. script and they will act it out (no spoken words, for the most part), with each child assuming a different character's role. This activity is most suitable for first grade and up. You will review the story, then practice it a few times before performing it for others.

Materials

The Case RePlay, Sr. script
White board or other large format paper
Costumes and props

Preparation

1. Prepare for the play by choosing costumes and props for each character in the story. Decorate the area with any scenery props.
2. Write the words "Beginning," "Middle," "End" on a large piece of paper/whiteboard with plenty of space under each heading. You will use this paper to help the children think about the story as a three-scene play, as it is presented in the script.

Instructions

1. Tell the children that they will get to act out the story as a three-scene play, with a beginning, middle and end section. Tell them that before they can act it out, they need to think it out. as you narrate it with your script.
2. Take the children's answers as they recount the story, helping them put key incidents in the right order.
3. If desired, when they have filled in their Beginning, Middle, End, read through your whole (real) script, so they hear exactly what you will have them act out.
4. Then tell the children that it's time to practice acting out the story.
5. Assign parts to each child. If you are using costumes, do NOT give them out at this point. They will be a distraction.
6. Have all the children sit on the floor or in chairs on one side of the "stage," then call the characters up in place as their part in the story comes.
7. As you read the script, guide the children in where you want them to move or do to act it out.
8. After going through the whole script once, give out any costumes and props and act out the script once or twice more.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Re-enacting the Story

Read the script as the children act out together (younger) or assuming different roles (older) as the other children or the parents watch.

CASE REPLAY, JR--YOUNGER KIDS (KINDERGARTEN) P.2

Welcome to our Case Story Re-Action! The name of our story is called: The Case of the Goat-Lamb Man.

This story takes place in New Testament times, when Jesus lived on earth.

And now we present: "The Case of the Goat-Lamb Man."

Scene 1:

At night most everyone in Israel except the herdsmen went home to bed. They stayed out guarding their cattle, sheep and goats from wild animals and thieves. These animals were very important because they provided much food, clothing and other things for the people. Most important of all, they provided the Temple sacrifices needed to keep them in fellowship with the LORD. 1000's of perfect lambs were needed every year. 1 each morning and night; plus 1000's for Passover. So many were needed that shepherds took care of special Temple flocks in the hills of Bethlehem, not far from Jerusalem. A special tower, Migdal Eder, was built to watch them. Shepherds herded perfect lambs into Jerusalem for the priests, as needed.

Actions:

Scene 2:

Goats and bulls were needed for the most important sacrifices made on the Day of Atonement. The perfect bull's blood was the sin offering for the high priest's sins so he could enter the Most Holy Place. Two perfect goats were brought to the high priest. A red thread was tied around the neck of the one chosen as the people's sin offering. Its blood was taken into the Most Holy Place and sprinkled on the Mercy Seat. Blood was also sprinkled on everything in the Holy Place. The LORD counted this blood offering as purifying the Temple of the people's sin so His Presence could dwell there for another year. A red thread was tied around the head of the goat chosen to be the scapegoat. The high priest lay his hands on him, confessing Israel's sins over it. The goat was taken miles away to die. By its death, the LORD counted Israel's sins as purified so they could worship Him at the Temple for another year. Without these perfect animals, there would be no fellowship. That's why the herdsmen took such care of them.

Scene 3

But the blood of the sheep, bulls and goats could never take away the sin in people's hearts, they could only purify them for worship. Only the blood of a perfect human could take away sin, but there were no perfect humans. So God sent His Son Jesus to be born a human right there, where the Temple flocks were kept in the hills of Bethlehem. He came to be the perfect sacrifice. Angels shining with God's glory appeared suddenly to shepherds and announced that the Savior Jesus had been born. Jesus grew up, always keeping God's Law perfectly. He offered up His life on the cross, bearing all of God's wrath due His people for their sins. He was the perfect Scapegoat carrying away sins forever. He cried out, "It is finished" and died. Jesus' spirit rose to heaven. Before the real cherubim, Jesus came as the perfect high priest bringing His own perfect blood before the real throne of God. This was the final sacrifice. Sin and death were conquered. What happened in heaven was declared on earth. The veil of the Most Holy Place was torn in two. The LORD's holiness was satisfied once and for all with Jesus' perfect, law-keeping life as substitute for His people's guilty lives. On the 3rd day, Jesus' body rose from the dead and joined with His Spirit, proving that He had truly conquered death, itself. His final sacrifice had given them eternal life with God.

Bible Truth Tie-In: The Bible Truth we are learning is: **Jesus Kept God's Law Perfectly So by His Grace He Could Save God's People.** Jesus offered His life up as the perfect sacrifice. On the cross, He bore the sins of His people. God was satisfied with His blood shed for them. Now all who turned from their sins and trusted in Jesus as Savior could be saved by His free gift to them.

CASE REPLAY, SR--OLDER KIDS (1ST GRADE AND UP) P.3

Welcome to our Case Story Re-Action! The name of our story is called: The Case of the Goat-Lamb Man

This story takes place in New Testament times, when Jesus lived on earth.

The characters in our story are: Herdsmen, High priest, People, Host of angels, Jesus, Cherubim

And now we present: "The Case of the Goat-Lamb Man"

Scene 1: (Beginning)

At night most everyone in Israel except the herdsmen went home to bed. They stayed out guarding their cattle, sheep and goats from wild animals and thieves. These animals were very important because they provided much food, clothing and other things for the people. Most important of all, they provided the Temple sacrifices needed to keep them in fellowship with the LORD. 1000's of perfect lambs were needed every year. 1 each morning and night; plus 1000's for Passover. So many were needed that shepherds took care of special Temple flocks in the hills of Bethlehem, not far from Jerusalem. A special tower, Migdal Eder, was built to watch them. Shepherds herded perfect lambs into Jerusalem for the priests, as needed.

Scene 2: (Middle)

Goats and bulls were needed for the most important sacrifices made on the Day of Atonement. The perfect bull's blood was the sin offering for the high priest's sins so he could enter the Most Holy Place. Two perfect goats were brought to the high priest. A red thread was tied around the neck of the one chosen as the people's sin offering. Its blood was taken into the Most Holy Place and sprinkled on the Mercy Seat. Blood was also sprinkled on everything in the Holy Place. The LORD counted this blood offering as purifying the Temple of the people's sin so His Presence could dwell there for another year. A red thread was tied around the head of the goat chosen to be the scapegoat. The high priest lay his hands on him, confessing Israel's sins over it. The goat was taken miles away to die. By its death, the LORD counted Israel's sins as purified so they could worship Him at the Temple for another year. Without these perfect animals, there would be no fellowship. That's why the herdsmen took such care of them.

Scene 3: (End)

But the blood of the sheep, bulls and goats could never take away the sin in people's hearts, they could only purify them for worship. Only the blood of a perfect human could take away sin, but there were no perfect humans. So God sent His Son Jesus to be born a human right there, where the Temple flocks were kept in the hills of Bethlehem. He came to be the perfect sacrifice. Angels shining with God's glory appeared suddenly to shepherds and announced that the Savior Jesus had been born. Jesus grew up, always keeping God's Law perfectly. He offered up His life on the cross, bearing all of God's wrath due His people for their sins. He was the perfect Scapegoat carrying away sins forever. He cried out, "It is finished" and died. Jesus' spirit rose to heaven. Before the real cherubim, Jesus came as the perfect high priest bringing His own perfect blood before the real throne of God. This was the final sacrifice. Sin and death were conquered. What happened in heaven was declared on earth. The veil of the Most Holy Place was torn in two. The LORD's holiness was satisfied once and for all with Jesus' perfect, law-keeping life as substitute for His people's guilty lives. On the 3rd day, Jesus' body rose from the dead and joined with His Spirit, proving that He had truly conquered death, itself. His final sacrifice had given them eternal life with God.

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The Scapegoat

Description

Children will make a scapegoat out of a toilet paper roll.

Materials

Scraps of white, black, grey felt or fake fur
 Cardstock
 Scissors
 Markers or colored pencils
 Giggly Eyes
 Crimson Thread
 Paper fasteners, 4 per goat
 Craft glue
 Tape
 Pencils

Preparing the Craft

1. Make copies of Patterns #1-5 out of the cardstock. Cut out ahead of time, if desired.
2. Punch 2 holes on each side of toilet roll, one towards front, one towards the back. These will be where the paper fasteners for the legs are inserted.
3. Punch out the holes in each goat leg for younger children.

Making the Craft

1. Show the children a copy of the craft.
2. Have the children color Patterns #1-5. Glue on giggly eyes.
3. Insert a paper fastener through each leg hole and then through the hole in the toilet roll. Open wings of paper fastener to secure to inside of the toilet roll.
4. Glue/tape the goat's head across one of the ends of the toilet roll by putting tape on back of goat's head and securing down to the inside and bottom of the toilet roll. Glue/tape horns in place behind the head on the toilet roll.
5. Cut scraps of felt/fur into various markings and glue onto goat's body (toilet roll) and to make a tail.
6. Tie crimson thread around the goat's head.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Craft Presentation

If you are presenting the craft to other children or parents the children can hold up their crafts (or your model craft) and read their Bible Truth Connection answers to explain the importance of the craft.

CASE CRAFT**Discussion Guide****Instructions:**

As the children are settled into making their craft, ask them these questions to help them understand the craft's significance. Use the answers provided to guide the children's answers.

Discussion Questions

1. Who was in charge of the special ceremony at the Temple with the scapegoat? *The high priest.*
2. What did the high priest do with the scapegoat? *Laid his hands on it and confessed the people's sins over it. Then he sent it out into the wilderness to die.*
3. What was this ceremony about? *The LORD transferring the uncleanness of the people's sins to the goat and have them borne away so that they could stay in fellowship with God through the Temple another year.*
4. What is Bible Truth that we are learning? *Jesus Kept God's Law Perfectly So by His Grace He Could Save God's People.*
5. What does our craft have to do with our Bible Truth: Jesus Kept God's Law Perfectly So by His Grace He Could Save God's People? *Year after year, the scapegoat bore the uncleanness of the people's sins, but it never could bear away the guilt of their sins, once and for all. It would take a far better and more perfect sacrifice to do that. A sacrifice that only God could provide. Jesus kept God's laws perfectly so He would be the final sacrifice for sins. As the perfect scapegoat, He bore His people's sins on the cross. Now He could give salvation as a free gift to all who turn from their sins and trust in Him.*
6. What can our craft help us remember? *Jesus was the perfect scapegoat who bore away God's people's sins, once and for all. He can take away our sins, too, if we turn from our sins and trust Him as our Savior.*

TAKING IT TO OTHERS**Craft Presentation****Instructions:**

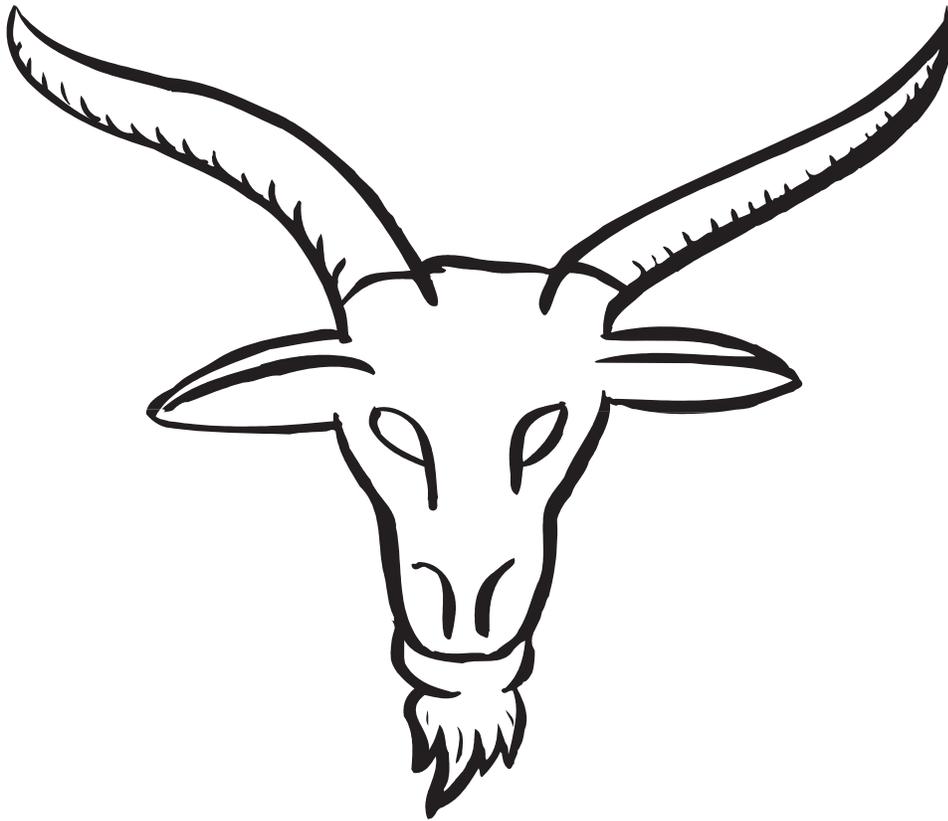
Have children hold up your model craft/their crafts. Choose five children (or you say) the five sections below to explain the craft's importance.

Presentation:

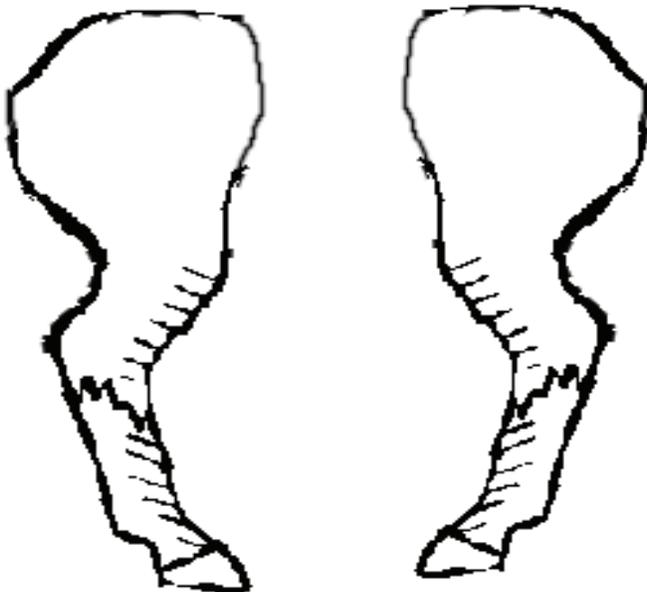
1. Our craft is: The Scapegoat.
2. At the Temple, the high priest laid his hands on it and confessed the people's sins over the scapegoat. The uncleanness of their sins was transferred to goat and bear them away. This was the way God provided for them to stay in fellowship with Him through the Temple another year.
3. Our Bible Truth is: Jesus Kept God's Law Perfectly So by His Grace He Could Save God's People.
4. Year after year, the scapegoat bore the uncleanness of the people's sins, but it never could bear away the guilt of their sins, once and for all. It would take a far better and more perfect sacrifice to do that. A sacrifice that only God could provide. Jesus kept God's laws perfectly so He would be the final sacrifice for sins. As the perfect scapegoat, He bore His people's sins on the cross. Now He could give salvation as a free gift to all who turn from their sins and trust in Him.
5. Our craft can help us remember that Jesus was the perfect scapegoat who bore away God's people's sins, once and for all. He can take away our sins, too, if we turn from our sins and trust Him as our Savior.

Note: Even non-readers can participate in presenting the craft, if you will whisper what they are to say in their ear and let them say it aloud for the others to hear.

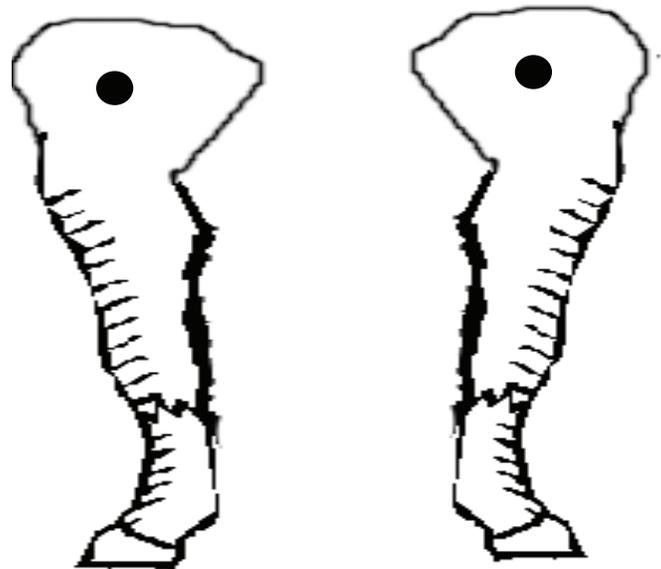
Craft Pattern #1
Goat's Head



Craft Patterns #2-3
Hind Legs



Craft Patterns #4-5
Front Legs



BEFORE CLASS:**1. PICK YOUR PERSON**

VIPPs can be anyone in your church! Typically, they fall into 6 categories: Church staff, Elders, Deacons/deaconesses, Special Volunteers (people who aren't paid, but spend a lot of time helping out in particular ways), Supported Workers (aka missionaries), and Church Members.

2. GATHER YOUR FACTS

Use the VIPP Information Sheet to write down the facts about your VIPP. The information on this worksheet is used in the VIPP activities, listed in the "Choose an Activity" section below.

DURING THE ACTIVITY:**1. INTRODUCE YOUR VIPP**

Introduce your VIPP to the children, using the VIPP Information Sheet. Fill in a set of VIPP Clue Cards with the information for your VIPP. If desired, you can even have the actual person come into class for the children to meet.

Need help describing what someone does for the church in a kid-friendly way? Check out the list of common VIPPs on the Praise Factory website in the PFI resources. There are lots of kid-friendly descriptions for common VIPP's, such as pastors, elders, deacons and a lot more.

2. PRAY!

Lead the children in praying for the VIPP. Ask the children if they would like to pray for one of the VIPPs prayer requests. Even non-readers can pray for the VIPP if you whisper the prayer request in their ear, then let them say it aloud. Never force a child to pray!

3. CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY

There are two activities you can use to help the children learn about the VIPP:

VIPP Clue Cards: These are nine coloring sheets in which children fill in the nine things they learn about the VIPP from the VIPP Information Sheet. Photocopy a set of each child. Use as few or as many of these Clue Cards as you desire.

VIPP Game: This is a game that uses a set of Clue Cards for one or two VIPPs.

Choose a VIPP and fill in his/her information on the VIPP Information Sheet. Fill in a set of VIPP Clue Cards with the information for your VIPP. Tell the children about the VIPP, having them fill in the VIPP Clue Cards with the key facts as they learn them. Write any words the children need to write on a white-board or other piece of paper so they can see how to spell them. Help younger children write these words on their clue cards. Ideas for how to tell the children about many common VIPPs are listed at praisefactory.org with the resources for this Bible Truth.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Introduce and Pray for the VIPP

If you are presenting the VIPP to other children or parents you can assign children to hold up the 10 clue cards and say what each card tells about the VIPP. (Or, you can have the children hold them up as you tell what each one means.) Then lead the children in praying for the VIPP.

Game: Stop and Go

Materials

Information for one VIPP
2 Sets of Clue Cards
8 8.5" x 11" Manilla Envelopes
Ball
Blindfold
Bag

Preparing the Game

1. Fill in one set of clue sheets for the VIPP you are using.
2. Tape the other (blank) set of Clue Cards to the outside of the manilla envelopes.
3. Put the filled-in clue cards in the corresponding envelope.
4. Put all the Clue Cards envelopes in a bag, except for the ones with the names and pictures of the VIPPs.

Playing the Game

Reveal: Tell the children about the VIPP, showing them your filled-in clue cards as you tell about them.

Review: Have the children stand or sit in a circle. Choose one child to be the Caller. The Caller stands in the center of the circle, blindfolded. Hand the ball to a child in the circle. At the Caller's "Go" command, the ball is passed around the circle. It is passed around until the Caller says "Stop." Whoever has the ball when the Caller says stop chooses a Clue Card envelope. The child (or the teacher) tells the class the Clue Card category and asks them if they can remember the answer for the VIPP. The envelope is opened to see what the answer is. If the children get it right, the category is retired. If they get it wrong, it goes back into the pile of envelopes.

VIPP INFORMATION SHEET

VIPP NAME:

WHAT VIPP LOOKS LIKE

Man or Woman? _____

Hair color? _____

Eye color? _____

FAVORITE ANIMAL

FAVORITE FOOD

FAVORITE FREE TIME ACTIVITY

WHAT VIPP DOES DURING WEEK

VIPP GROUP OF SERVICE:

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Church Member | Deacon |
| Elder | Church Staff |
| Special Volunteer | Supported Worker
(Missionary) |

3 WAYS VIPP SERVES CHURCH

3 WAYS TO PRAY FOR THE VIPP

