In the Beginning...Jesus

Lesson 37
Jesus: Lamb of God

Themes:

- The Old Testament system of priests, sacrifices, and temple was temporary, pointing to something much better—Jesus.
- Jesus offered Himself as the one perfect sacrifice for sin.
- Jesus' death fulfilled the Old Testament promises.

Scripture:

Hebrews 9:11-12, 25-26; 10:4, 11; John 1:29; 1 Peter 2:24

Memory Verse:

John 1:17 (and review verses 1-16)

Jesus Fulfilled These Old Testament Clues:

SIN BEARER, PUNISHMENT FOR SIN—DEATH, THE PASSOVER SACRIFICE

Home and Heart:

How was the sacrifice Jesus offered different from any other? Read and discuss Hebrews 9:23-28. Why was it necessary for Jesus to offer Himself? (Have your child recall the illustration of the cake mix and the car oil. Car oil is not the right kind of substitute for vegetable oil. In a similar way, the death of animals is not the right kind of substitute for sinners.) Read Hebrews 10:4. Why was Jesus the perfect substitute for sinners? [He was fully man, but without sin.] Because of this, what was He able to do for sinners? Read and discuss 1 Peter 2:22-25. What Old Testament passages does Peter want us to recognize in these verses? [Isaiah 53.] Do you take the punishment of death seriously? What kind of death is the Bible talking about? [Hell—experiencing God's fierce anger forever. (Matthew 25:41.)] How does it feel to have someone willing to take your sin and be punished in your place? What does it mean to die to sin and live to righteousness? Do you feel you have died to sin? What might that look like in a person's life? What might living to righteousness look like? If a person gives no evidence of dying to sin and living to righteousness, what might it mean?

Read and discuss Hebrews 10:11-12. Why did Jesus "sit down" after He had made an offering for sin? What was the single offering He made? Did He make this offering on your behalf? Do you feel like your sins have been removed, or do you feel guilty? Do you feel forgiven by God because you are trusting in Jesus? Or do you still feel alienated by God because of your sin? Because of what Jesus has done, how should you respond to Him? Read and discuss Acts 3:18-20 and Hebrews 10:19-23 (especially the call to respond in verses 22-23). What does it mean to "draw near with a true heart"? What does "in full assurance of faith" mean?



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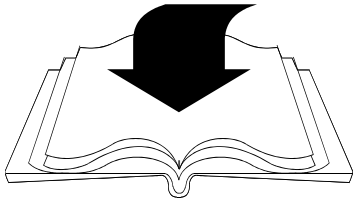

HEBREWS

Hebrews explains how the Old Testament system of temple, priests, and sacrifices was temporary, until God sent Jesus into the world. Jesus is the final and great High Priest Who offered Himself as the one perfect sacrifice. By His sacrifice, He is able to completely take away sins and forgive sinners. Also, as the final High Priest, Jesus acts as the perfect *Mediator* between God and man. This week, read the following portions of Hebrews and match the words listed with their correct definition: Hebrews 8:1-13; 9:1-28; 10:1-14. Some of this reading may be difficult, so you may want your parents or an older brother or sister to help you.

Shadow

- A person who acts as a "go between" in order to bring about a right relationship between a holy God and sinful men

Covenant

- Makes holy

Mediator

- A formal agreement that God makes between Himself and one or more people

Redemption

- Something that is "out of date" and no longer works

Sanctifies

- A payment that is made in order to "free" something: Jesus paid the penalty for sin in order to "free" sinners from death and hell

Obsolete

- A certain set of rules that must be followed

Regulations

- A faint or darkened image that gives a "hint" of something that is not fully seen

Inheritance

- When something that is owned by someone else is then given to you to own