

Burnt Offerings Story

SUPPLIES NEEDED

You will need the following:

- 9 Sheets of Cardstock (8.5" x 11")
- 9 3 mil Laminating Film

DIRECTIONS

- Print pages 2-19 two-sided and then laminate them.
- Hold up the pictures while you read the story on the back during class.



Do you remember what we learned about last time? (*Aaron and his sons were anointed as priests*) How many sons did Aaron have? (*four*) Do you remember their names? (*Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar*) What were some special things that Aaron wore as High Priest? (*Breastplate, Blue Tunic, Gold Plate on Head*) After Aaron and his sons were anointed as priests, do you remember how many days Moses told them to devote themselves to the Lord at the Tabernacle? (*seven days*) Here is what happened next...

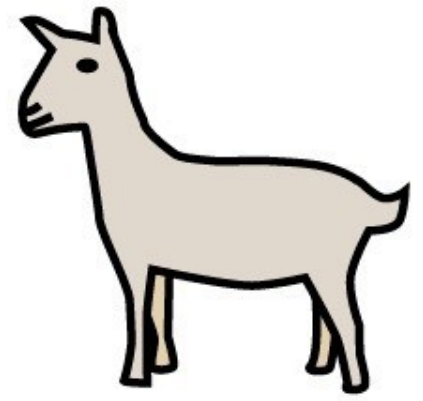
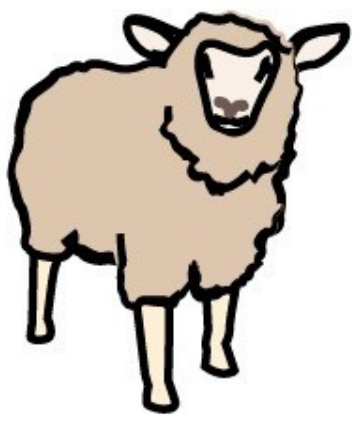
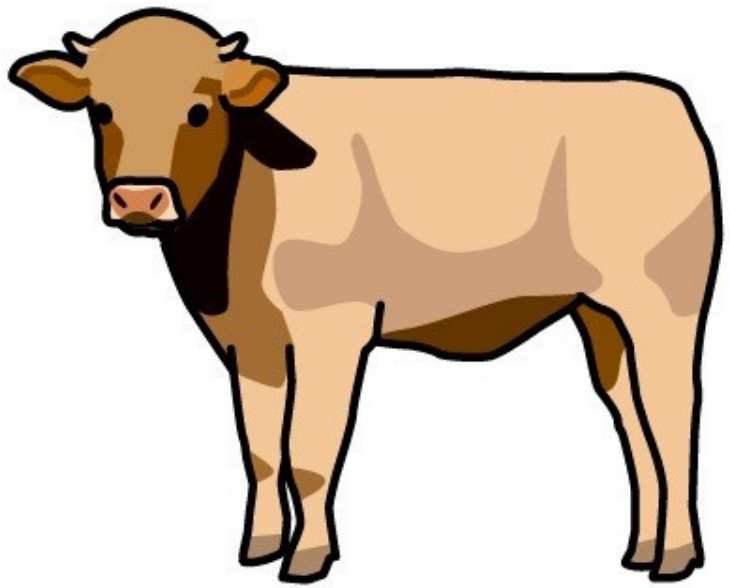


On the eighth day Moses called Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel, and he said to Aaron, “Take for yourself a bull calf for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering, both without blemish, and offer them before the Lord. And tell the people of Israel, ‘Take a male goat for a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb, both a year old without blemish, for a burnt offering, and an ox and a ram for peace offerings, and a grain offering mixed with oil, for today the Lord will appear to you.’”

Did you know that there was more than one type of sacrifice or offering at the Tabernacle? There were actually FIVE. They were:

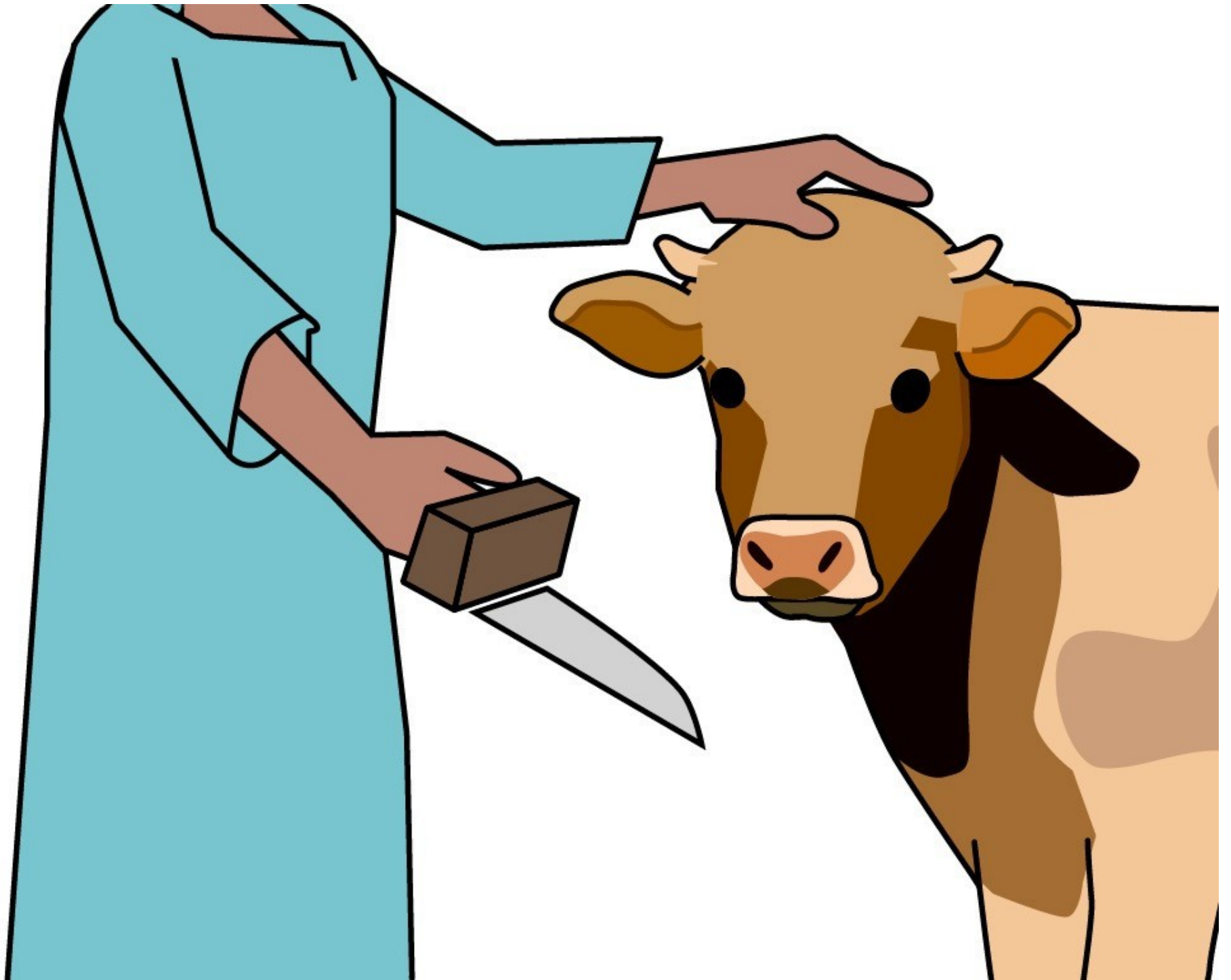
1. The Burnt Offering
2. The Grain Offering
3. The Peace Offering
4. The Sin Offering
5. The Trespass (or Guilt) Offering

We talked a little bit about the sin and grain offering when Aaron and his sons were anointed as priests. Today we’re going to talk a little more about the burnt offering.

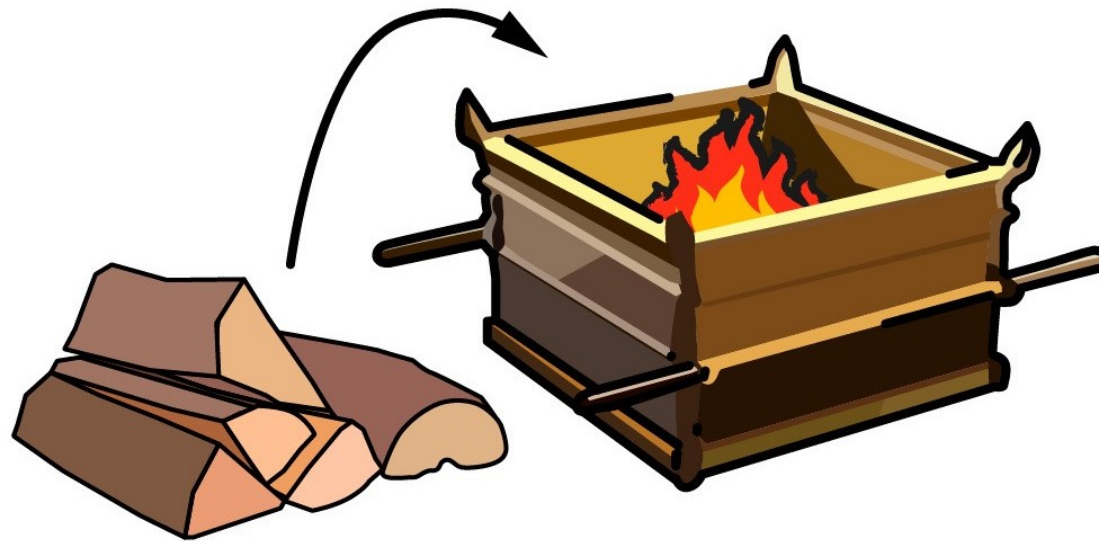


The purpose of the Burnt Offering was for general atonement of sin. What does atonement mean? *(to do something to make up for a wrong that you've done; to purify yourself from sin)*

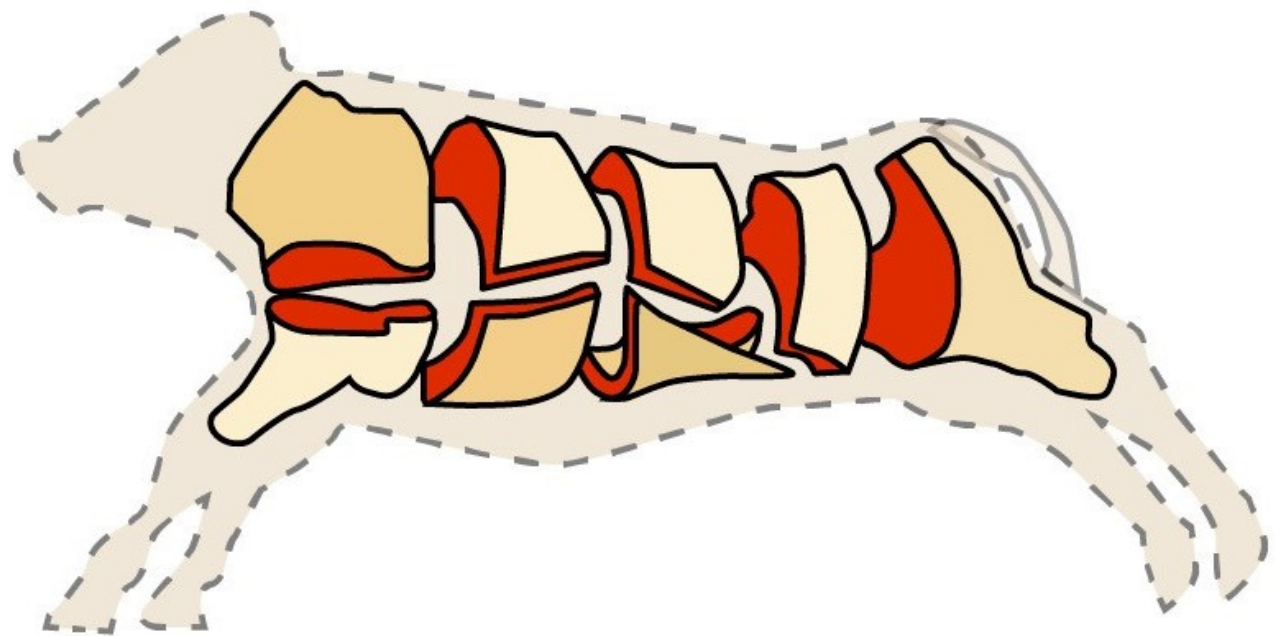
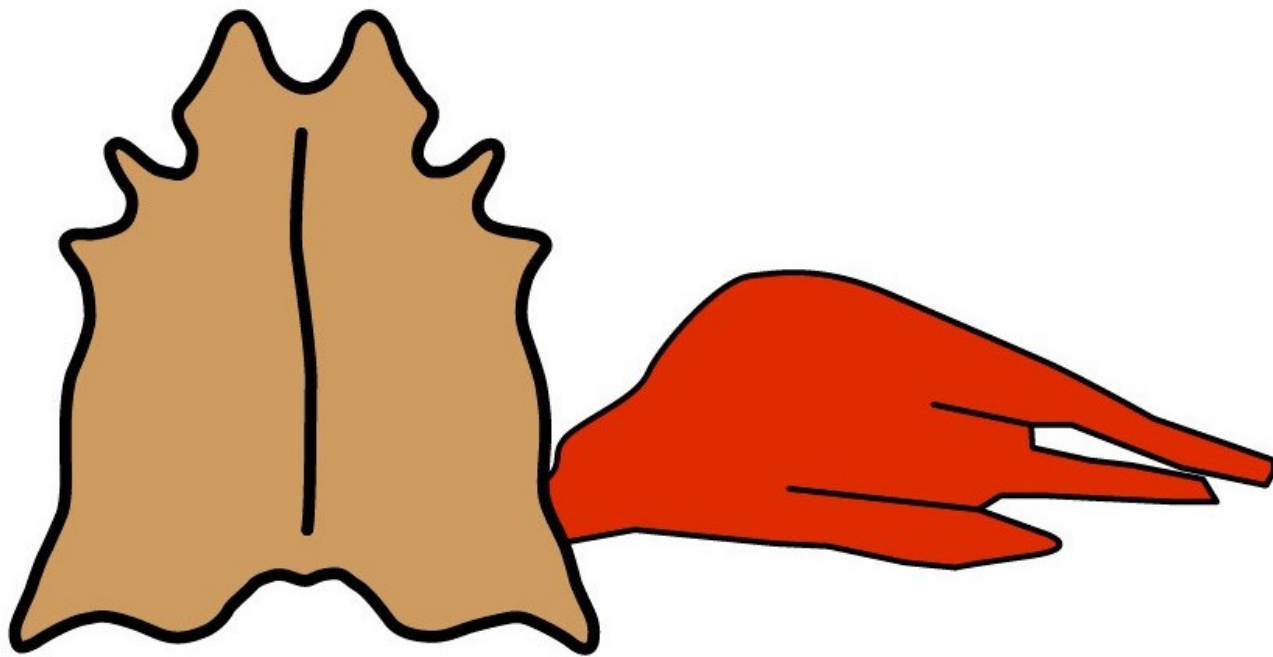
The animal could be a bull, lamb, or goat. God said it was supposed to be a male, a year old and “without blemish”. What does “without blemish” mean? *(perfect, not sick, not blind, no broken legs)* Why would God request an animal “without blemish”? *(They were to sacrifice the best they had. It's not much of a sacrifice if it's something you don't want to keep)*



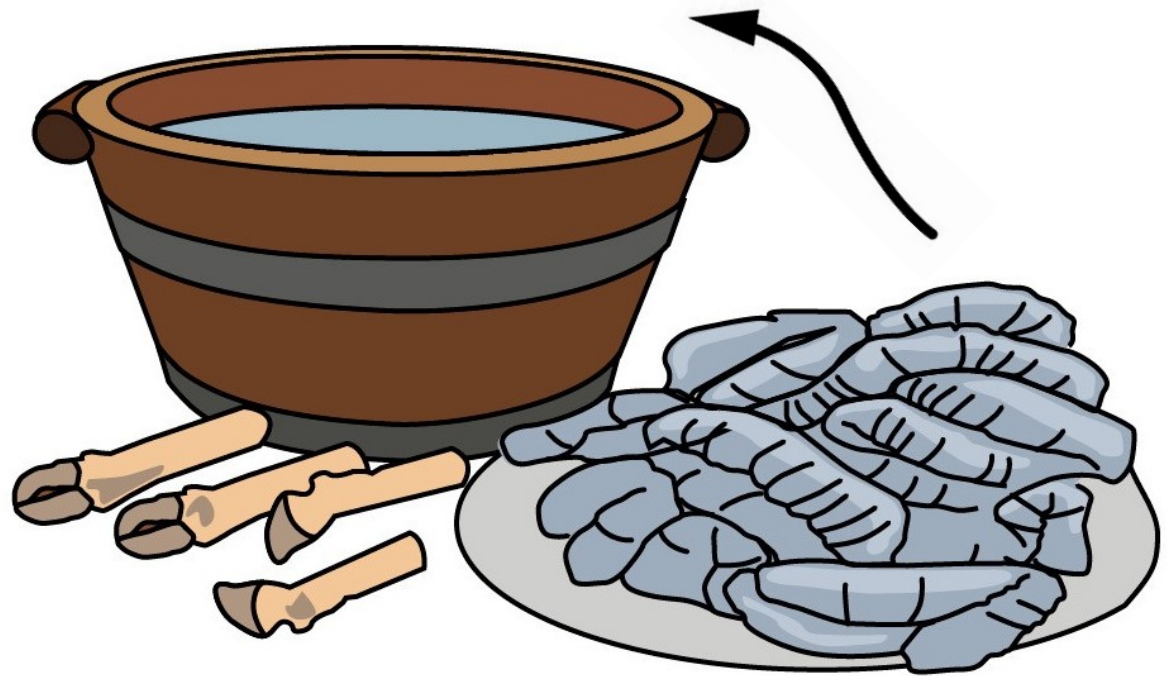
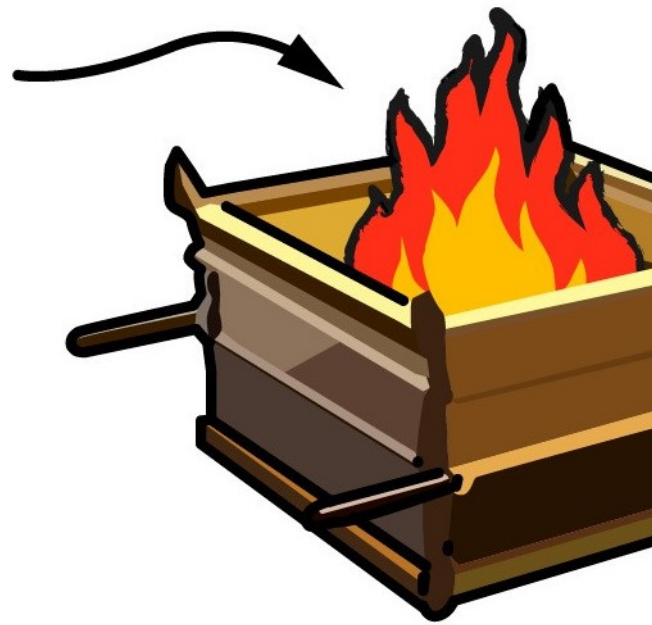
The person making the offering had to put his hand on the animal's head. It was a symbol of transferring the person's sin on to the animal being sacrificed.



The person then killed the animal and the priests brought its blood to the altar. The priests had to sprinkle the blood on all sides of the altar. The priests put wood and fire on the altar.



The skin was removed and the animal was cut into pieces.



The head, fat and other pieces of the animal were put on the altar. But the inner organs and legs had to be washed by the priests in water, before they were added to the altar.



The priests had to burn all the offering, except the skin, on the altar. It was a sweet aroma to the Lord.

When Aaron had finished offering the sin, burnt, peace and grain offerings, he lifted up his hand toward the people and blessed them.



Then Moses and Aaron entered the Tabernacle and when they came out something amazing happened! The glory of the Lord appeared to all the people and fire came out and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. What do you think the people did when they saw that? *(answers will vary)* The Bible says when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces. Do you think they were amazed? Isn't God's power amazing?

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Did the blood of the bulls and goats really take away the sins of the Israelites? *(no)*

Hebrews 10:4 tells us, “For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.”

It might be a little hard to understand, but the blood of the bulls and goats was just rolling the sins of the Israelites forward every year until a perfect sacrifice was made to wash all those sins away. Who was that perfect sacrifice? *(Jesus)* That’s why we don’t have to sacrifice animals for our sins today. Aren’t you glad you live under the New Testament law and not under the Old Testament law?