

Old Testament Pictures of Jesus



Jonah
and the Fish



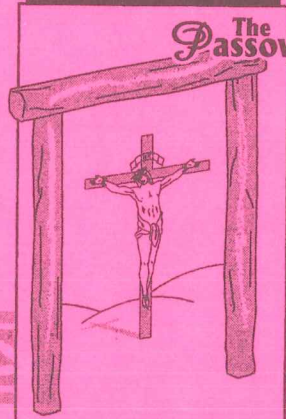
The
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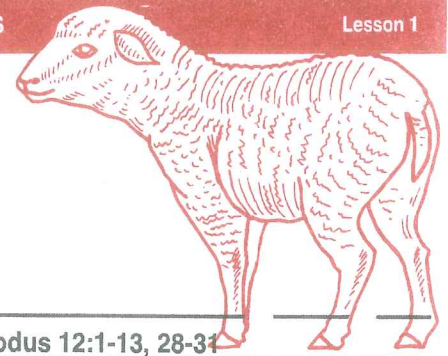


The
Passover

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Level 1

The Passover



Exodus 12:1-13, 28-31

1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2 "This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you. 3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. 7 And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. 8 Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails. 10 You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. 11 And thus you

shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. 12 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. 13 Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. 28 Then the children of Israel went away and did so; just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did. 29 And it came to pass at midnight that the LORD struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of livestock. 30 So Pharaoh rose in the night, he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not one dead. 31 Then he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, "Rise, go out from among my people, both you and the children of Israel. And go, serve the LORD as you have said.



Do you like looking at a book with pictures? It is fun to see all the colors and shapes in them. When we are reading a story, the pictures help us to understand the story better. God uses pictures also. He uses pictures to help us understand what Jesus has done for us. These pictures are in the Old Testament of the Bible, but they aren't painted pictures or drawn pictures. They are animals or people that show us what Jesus would do, die on the cross for us. Today we are going to hear about the first picture. It is called the Passover.

This picture happened a long time ago before Jesus was born. God's people, the Children of Israel, lived in a country called Egypt. The king of Egypt, the pharaoh, was being mean to the Children of Israel. He was making them slaves. He had them work all day long making bricks and building buildings, but he would never pay them. If they didn't work, they would be beaten and whipped.

Lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the whole world.



God heard the prayers of the Children of Israel and was going to save them. He told Moses, the leader of the Children of Israel, to tell Pharaoh that

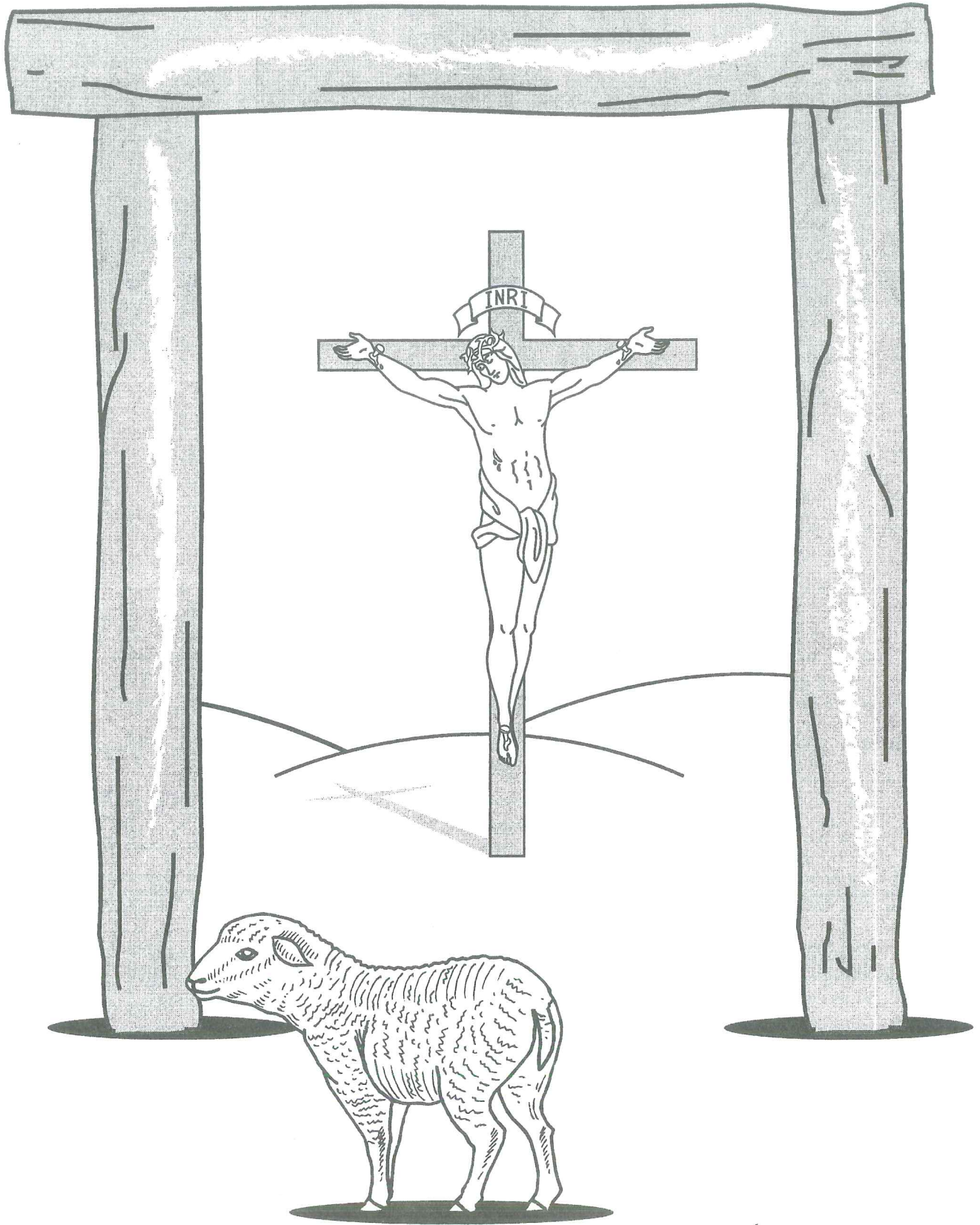
God would send ten troubles called plagues to the people of Egypt if Pharaoh didn't let the Children of Israel leave Egypt. Pharaoh did not listen and would not let God's people, the Children of Israel, go. God sent these ten plagues to the Egyptians to show them that He was the true God. The last plague God would send, would kill the first-born person and the first-born animal in each Egyptian house.

God wanted to protect His people from death. He told them to take a young lamb that had no spots, no bad marks, no sicknesses, and no broken bones and kill it. The Children of Israel had to spread the lamb's blood on the top and sides of the doorposts in their houses.

That night the Lord came into Egypt and sent the last trouble on the Egyptians. The Lord killed the first-born person and animal in the houses that did not have the lamb's blood on the doorposts, but the Lord passed over the Children of Israel's houses with the lamb's blood on the doorposts. He did not kill any person or any animal in those houses. That is why this lamb was called the Passover Lamb.

God used the Passover to show the Children of Israel and us what Jesus would do. Jesus came to die on the cross to save us. The lamb that had no spots or bad marks was a picture of Jesus who did not have any sin. The lamb died for the Children of Israel just like Jesus died for the whole world. The lamb's blood on the doorposts saved the Children of Israel from death just like Jesus' blood on the cross saves us from death in hell.

God sent Jesus to save us from our sins. A sin is something bad we do that God tells us not to do. We sin by yelling at others, lying, calling people names, saying "no" to mom and dad, not doing what we are told, and not sharing. God wanted to save us from all these sins we do, so He sent Jesus to die on the cross. This is why Jesus is called the Lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the whole world. Jesus is our Passover Lamb.

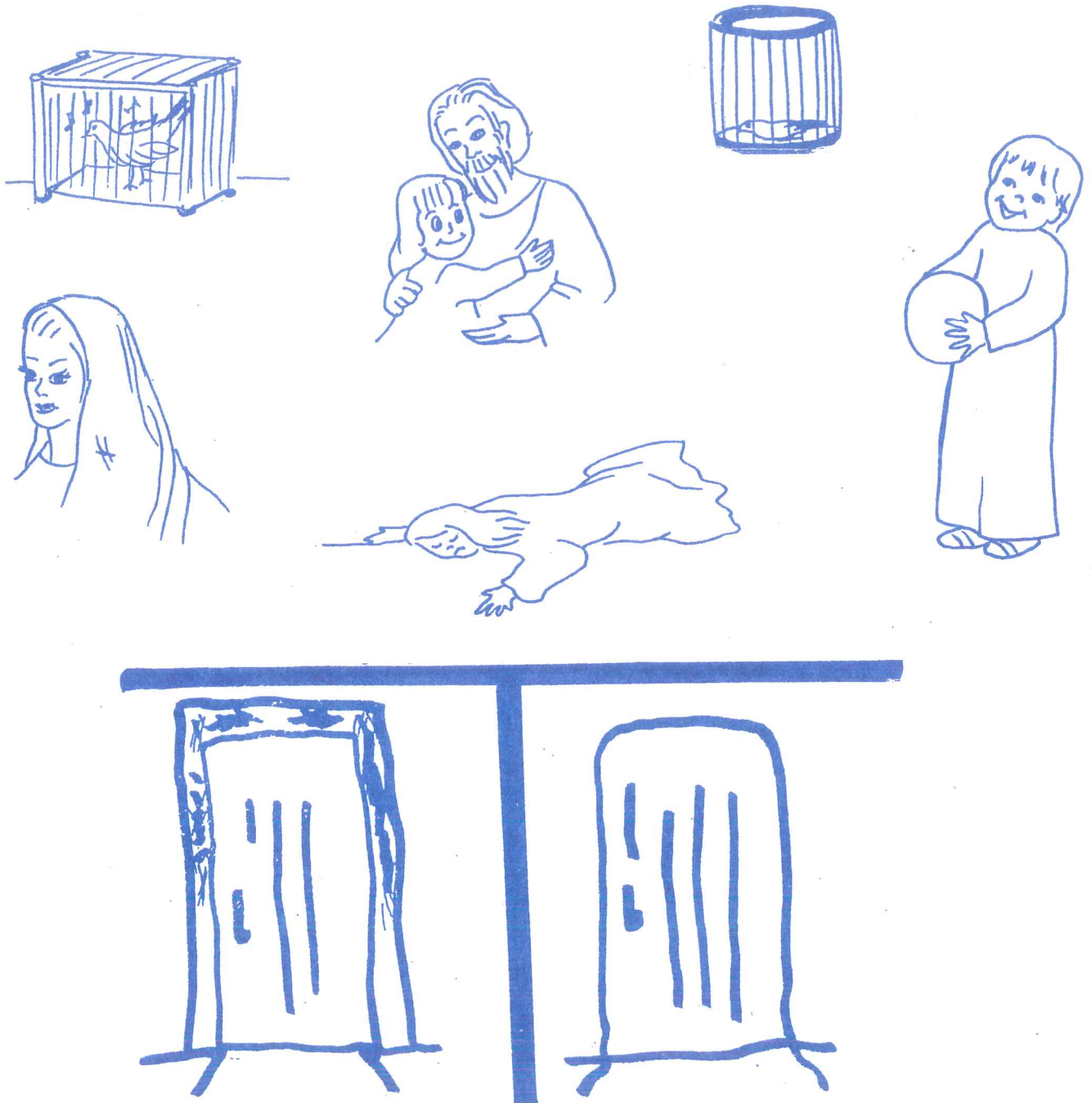


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Lesson 1: The Passover

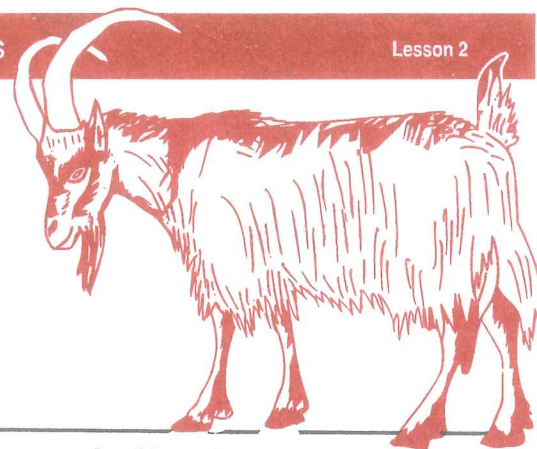
Worksheet—Level I

Draw a line from the living objects and the dead objects to the appropriate door.



_____ shed His blood for me.

The Scapegoat



Leviticus 16:2-10, 20-22

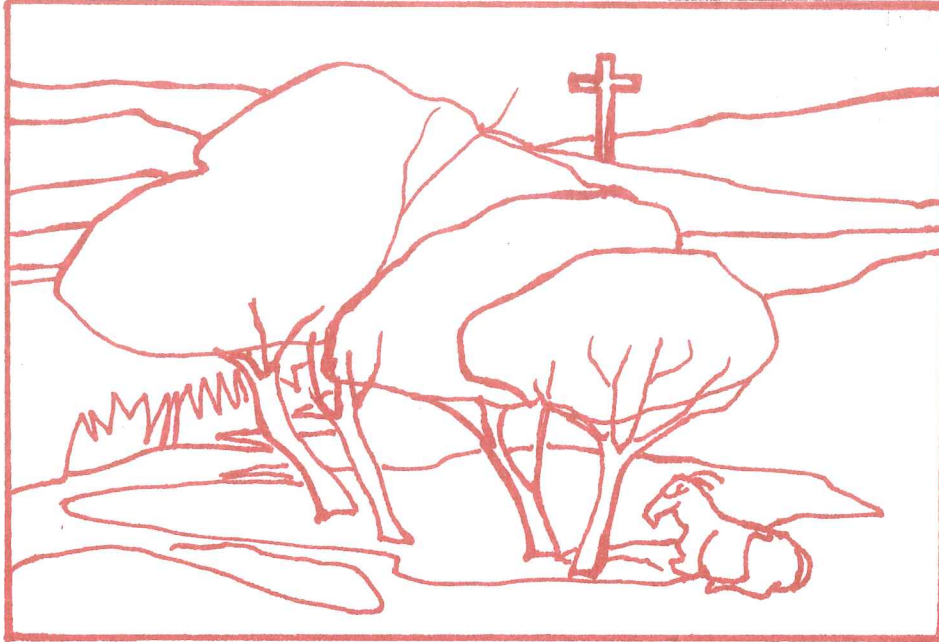
2 and the LORD said to Moses: "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at just any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat. 3 "Thus Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with the blood of a young bull as a sin offering, and of a ram as a burnt offering. 4 He shall put the holy linen tunic and the linen trousers on his body; he shall be girded with a linen sash, and with the linen turban he shall be attired. These are holy garments. Therefore he shall wash his body in water, and put them on. 5 And he shall take from the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats as a sin offering, and one ram as a burnt offering. 6 "Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house. 7 He shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 8 Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two

goats: one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat. 9 And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the LORD's lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering. 10 But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make atonement upon it, and to let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness. 20 "And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place, the tabernacle of meeting, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat. 21 Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man. 22 The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to an uninhabited land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.

Can you think of a holiday that we celebrate at church? Christmas and Easter are two very important holidays we celebrate at church. We celebrate those holidays today, but back before Jesus was born the Children of Israel celebrated different holidays. One of those holidays was the Day of Atonement. This was a special day that God had told the Children of Israel to celebrate every year. God also told His people what they were to do on this day. We will hear about this special day and the next picture God uses to tell us about Jesus. It is a goat called the scapegoat.

Once every year on the Day of Atonement, God told the priest to pick two goats. The priest, who sacrificed animals and prayed for the people in the temple, killed one of the goats for God. The other goat was brought into the temple. All the people who were there in the temple said they were sorry for all the bad things they had done. They confessed their sins to God. Then the priest put his hands on the goat's head. This meant that all the sins of the people were put onto the goat. A strong man took the goat out of the temple to the desert where nobody would see the goat again. The man let the goat go in the desert. The goat was gone, and so were all the people's sins. The goat was punished for all the sins instead of the people being punished. A scapegoat gets punished for something someone else does.

Jesus came to take away all of our sins.

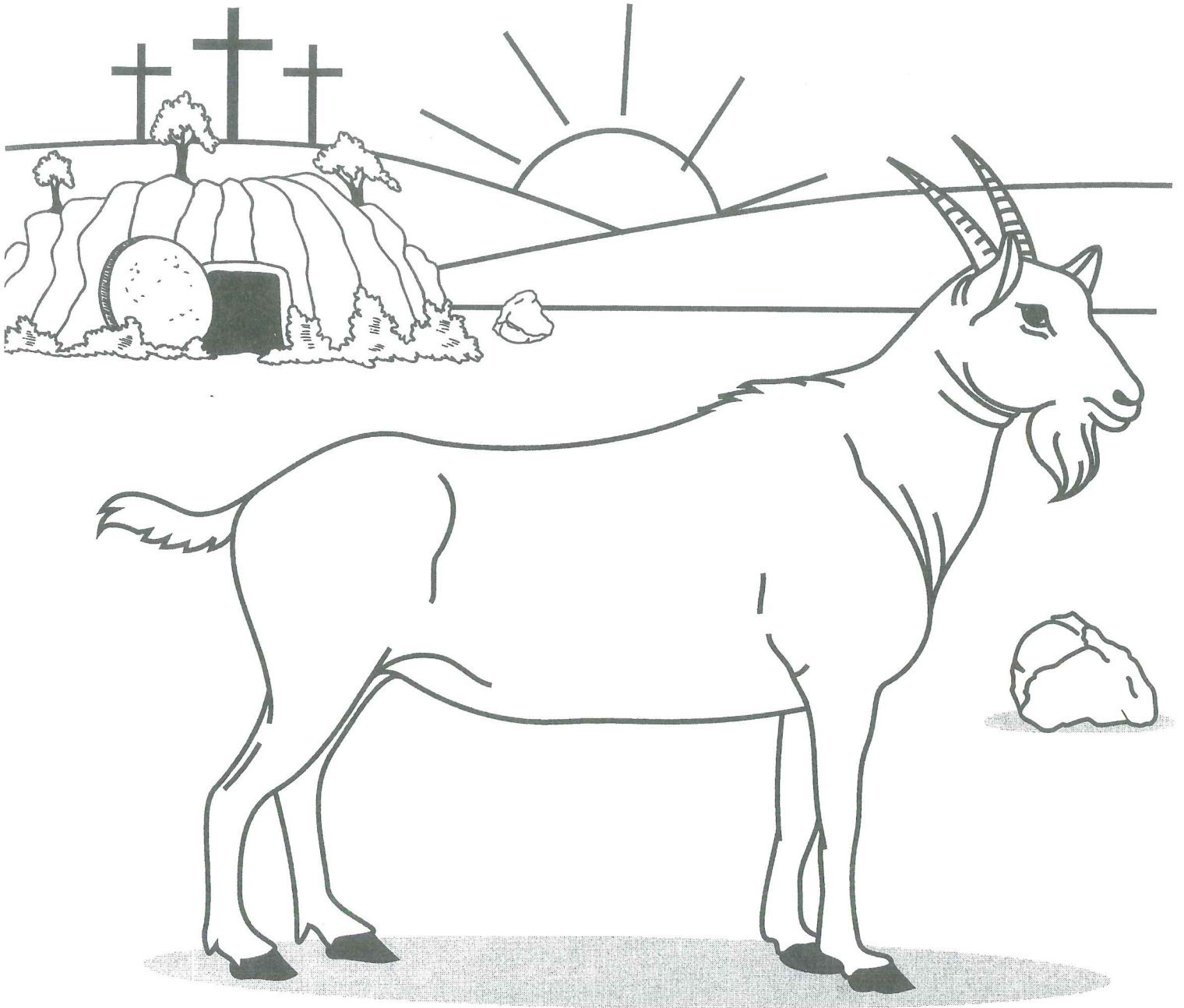


God told the people they needed to celebrate the Day of Atonement each year. They had to find a new scapegoat year after year because the people kept on sinning. We keep on sinning also. We need to have a scapegoat too. God sent a scapegoat for us who took away all our sins. But our scapegoat was not a goat. It was Jesus. He took all our sins away once when He died on the cross. He took all our sins away, and now we never need another scapegoat again.

God used the scapegoat to show His people and us what Jesus would do. Jesus came to take away all of our sins. God chose Jesus to be punished for our sins just like the priest picked one goat to be the scapegoat. God put the sins of everybody that ever lived on Jesus just like the priest put all the people's sins on the scapegoat. Jesus has taken our sins far away from us just like the goat took the people's sins far away into the desert. Jesus never sinned once but got punished for everyone's sins just like the goat who did not sin but got punished for the people's sins.

We keep on sinning just like the Children of Israel kept on sinning, but Jesus came to take away all those sins. We should be punished for all the bad things we do every day, but Jesus was punished for us. When He died on the cross, Jesus took all our sins and got rid of them. The Bible says it is like our sins have been thrown into the ocean, and no one will find them again. We should say we are sorry for all the sins we do every day, but we should also say thank you to God for sending Jesus to take all those sins away from us. Jesus is our scapegoat.

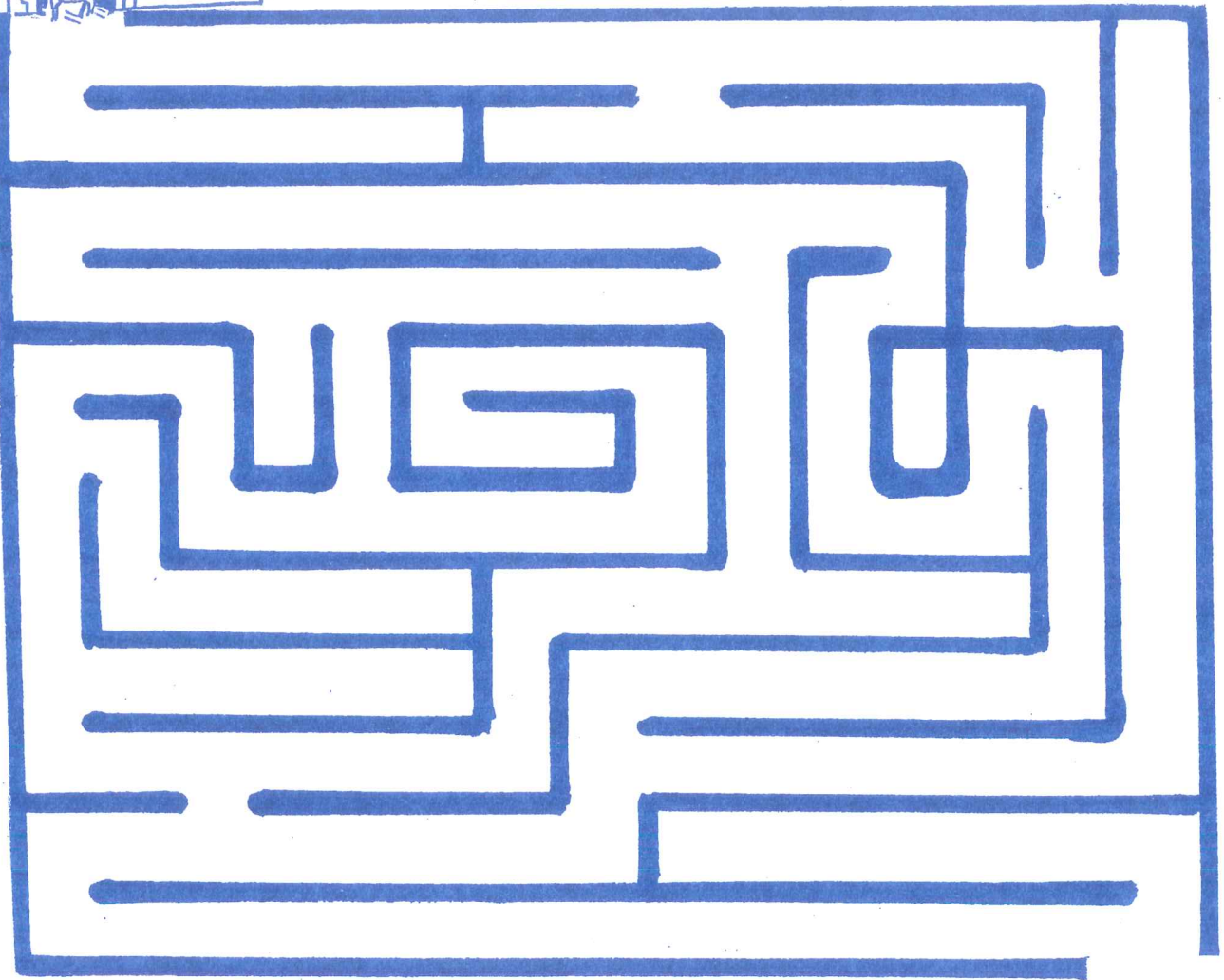
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Lesson 2: The Scapegoat

Worksheet—Level I

Draw a line through the maze to help the man get the scapegoat from the temple to the wilderness, so that the sins of the people will be gone forever.



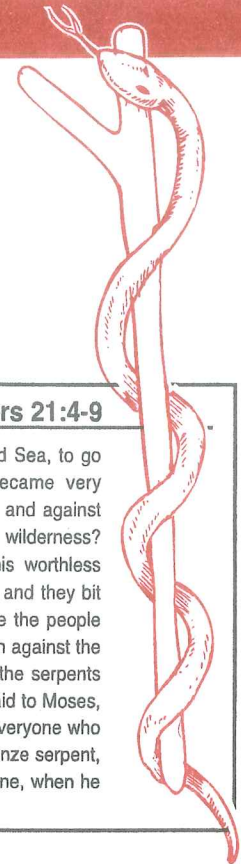
_____ takes away my sins.

The Bronze Snake

Many people don't like snakes. They are afraid that snakes will bite them. Today we will hear about a special snake called the bronze snake. This snake won't hurt anyone; it will save them. This bronze snake is a picture that tells us about Jesus.

Numbers 21:4-9

4 Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. 5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." 6 So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. 7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.



Remember in the first lesson when we talked about God's people, the Children of Israel, leaving Egypt? God had promised to take them to a land where they could live. It was the Promised Land of Canaan. To get there, the Children of Israel had to travel through the desert. It took them close to 40 years to get there.

As the Children of Israel lived in the desert, God showed He loved His people by giving them special food called manna. It was bread that came from heaven that appeared on the ground each morning. It most likely tasted like crackers with honey. The Children of Israel just had to step outside their tents, pick it up, and eat it. God gave them food like this day after day, week after week, year after year, for almost 40 years.

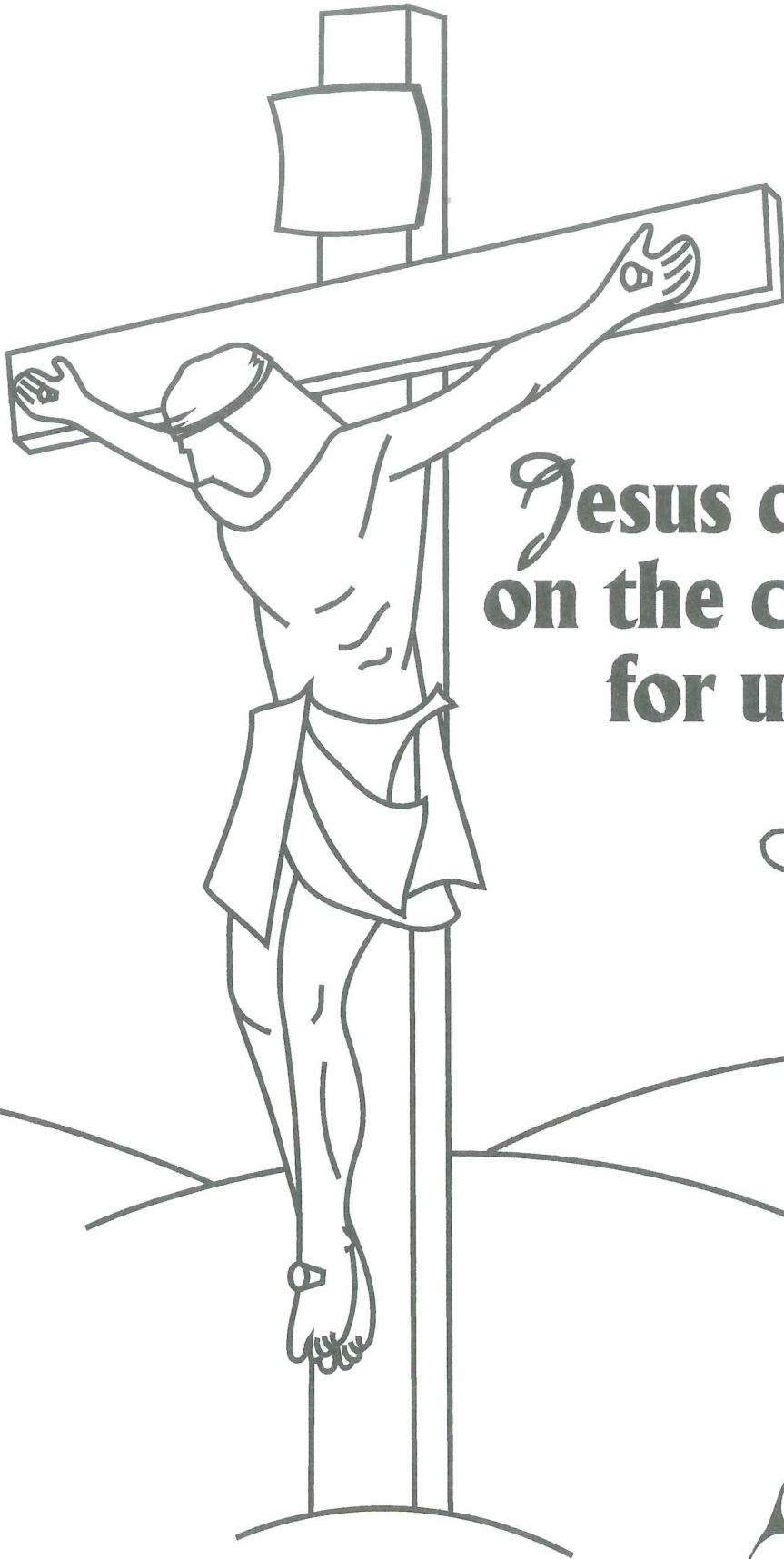
After awhile the Children of Israel started to complain about this manna God gave to them. They didn't like it anymore and didn't want it. They were not thankful to God for the food, so God punished them. He sent many poisonous snakes to bite the people. Many of the people died. The people came to Moses and said they were sorry for complaining against God. They asked if Moses could pray to God to take the snakes away.

God told Moses to make a snake out of bronze and put it on a pole. Bronze is a metal that is shiny like a new penny. If the people got bit by a poisonous snake, they could look at the bronze snake on the pole, and they would not die. God saved them by having them look at this bronze snake on a pole.

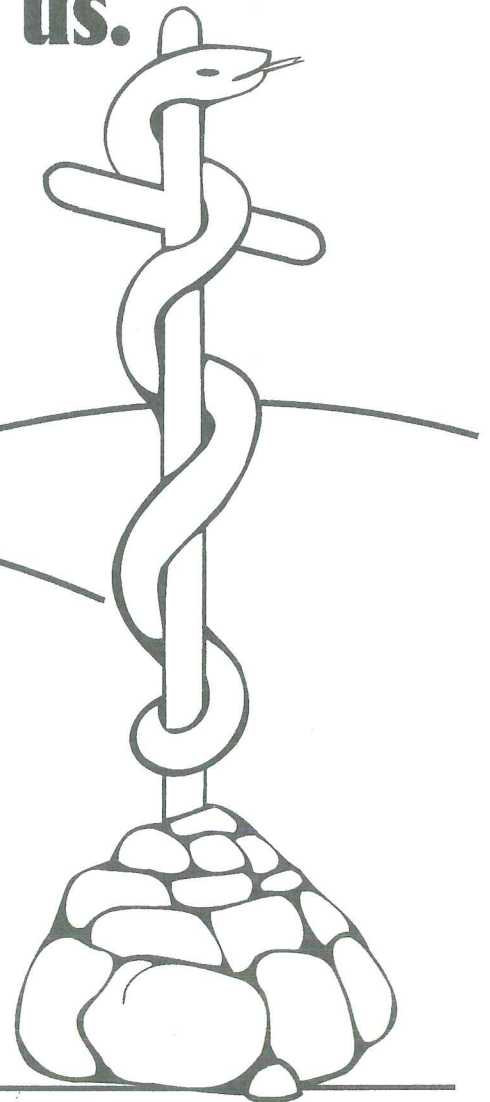
God used the bronze snake to show the Children of Israel and us what Jesus would do. Jesus came to earth to be put on a pole, the cross, just like the bronze snake was put on a pole. Jesus was put on the cross to pay for the punishment of our sins on the day we called Good Friday. It is called Good Friday because on that day Jesus came to save all people from death in hell just like the bronze snake was made to save the Children of Israel from dying. By believing that Jesus died for them, people look to Jesus to be saved just like the Children of Israel looked to the bronze snake in order to be saved.

We complain everyday about many things just like the Children of Israel did, but Jesus came to die on the cross to save us from our sins. We should be punished by dying in hell for the sins we do, but God loved us so much that He had a way to save us. God saved us from death by sending Jesus to die on the cross for us. When we believe that Jesus died to save us from death in hell, we are saved. Jesus has saved us just like the bronze snake saved the Children of Israel.





**Jesus died
on the cross
for us.**



Lesson 3: The Brass Snake

Worksheet—Level I

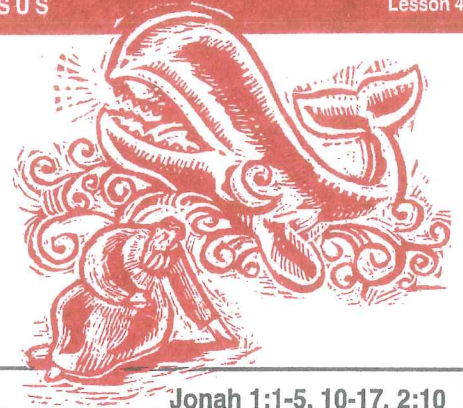
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Jonah and the Fish



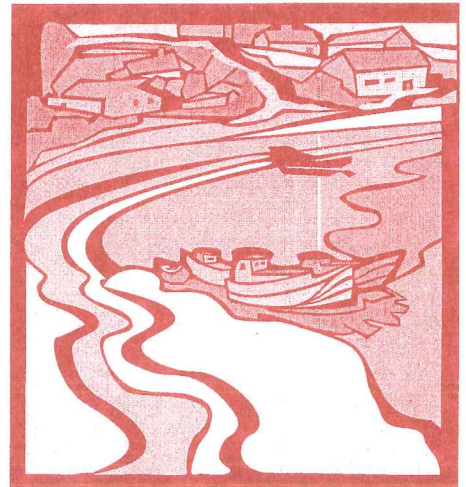
Jonah 1:1-5, 10-17, 2:10

1 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me." 3 But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. 4 But the LORD sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up. 5 Then the mariners were afraid; and every man cried out to his god, and threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten the load.[a] But Jonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship, had lain down, and was fast asleep. 10 Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, "Why have you done this?" For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them. 11 Then they said to him,

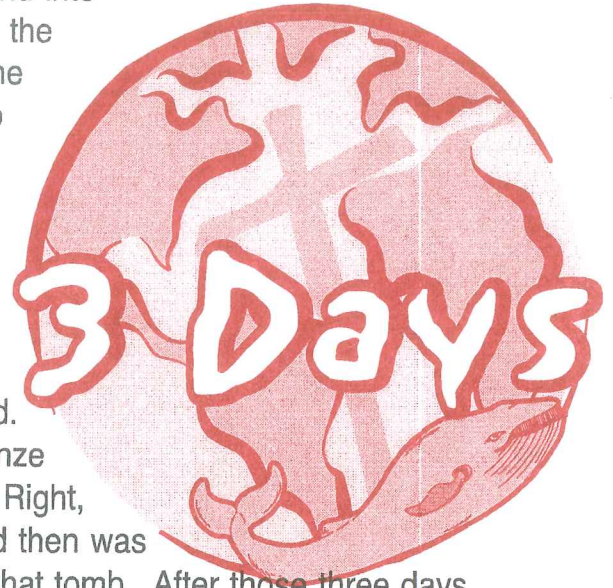
"What shall we do to you that the sea may be calm for us?"—for the sea was growing more tempestuous. 12 And he said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you. For I know that this great tempest is because of me." 13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to return to land, but they could not, for the sea continued to grow more tempestuous against them. 14 Therefore they cried out to the LORD and said, "We pray, O LORD, please do not let us perish for this man's life, and do not charge us with innocent blood; for You, O LORD, have done as it pleased You." 15 So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. 16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the LORD and took vows. 17 Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. 2:10 So the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Can you think of a fish so big that it could swallow a person? It would have to be a pretty big fish. Today, we will hear about that. A man in a fish will be our next picture.

Years after the Children of Israel moved into the Promised Land of Canaan, there was a man named Jonah. He was a prophet or preacher. God told Jonah to go to a very big city called Nineveh. The people there did not worship the true God. They worshiped other gods called idols. God wanted Jonah to tell these people that they needed to say they were sorry for worshiping these other gods. God wanted them to worship Him instead. God wanted Jonah to preach to them so they could be saved, but Jonah did a very bad thing. He did not want to go preach to the people of Nineveh. Instead, Jonah tried to run away from God. He got into a boat and sailed away. God knew where Jonah was because God knows everything. God wanted Jonah to come back and preach to the people of Nineveh, so He started a big storm near Jonah's boat. The wind blew hard and the waves got bigger. The sailors on the boat tried to make it through the storm, but they could not. The boat started to sink.



Jonah knew that the storm was his fault. He told the sailors the storm would stop if they threw him off the ship and into the water. The sailors did not want to do this, but the storm kept coming. They finally threw Jonah off the ship into the water. God had prepared a big fish to swallow Jonah. Jonah did not die in the fish. He lived inside it for three days. At the end of the three days, God had the fish spit Jonah out onto the land. Jonah was sorry for the way he acted and went to the city of Nineveh to preach to the people.



This is a very important picture of what Jesus did. Do you remember the story of Moses putting the bronze snake up on the pole? What was that a picture of? Right, Jesus on the cross dying to save us. Jesus died and then was put into a tomb or grave. Jesus spent three days in that tomb. After those three days, Jesus came out of the tomb. He wasn't dead anymore but alive. Jesus was alive and rose from the dead! He did this on the day we call Easter Sunday. Can you guess what the picture of Jonah in the big fish is?

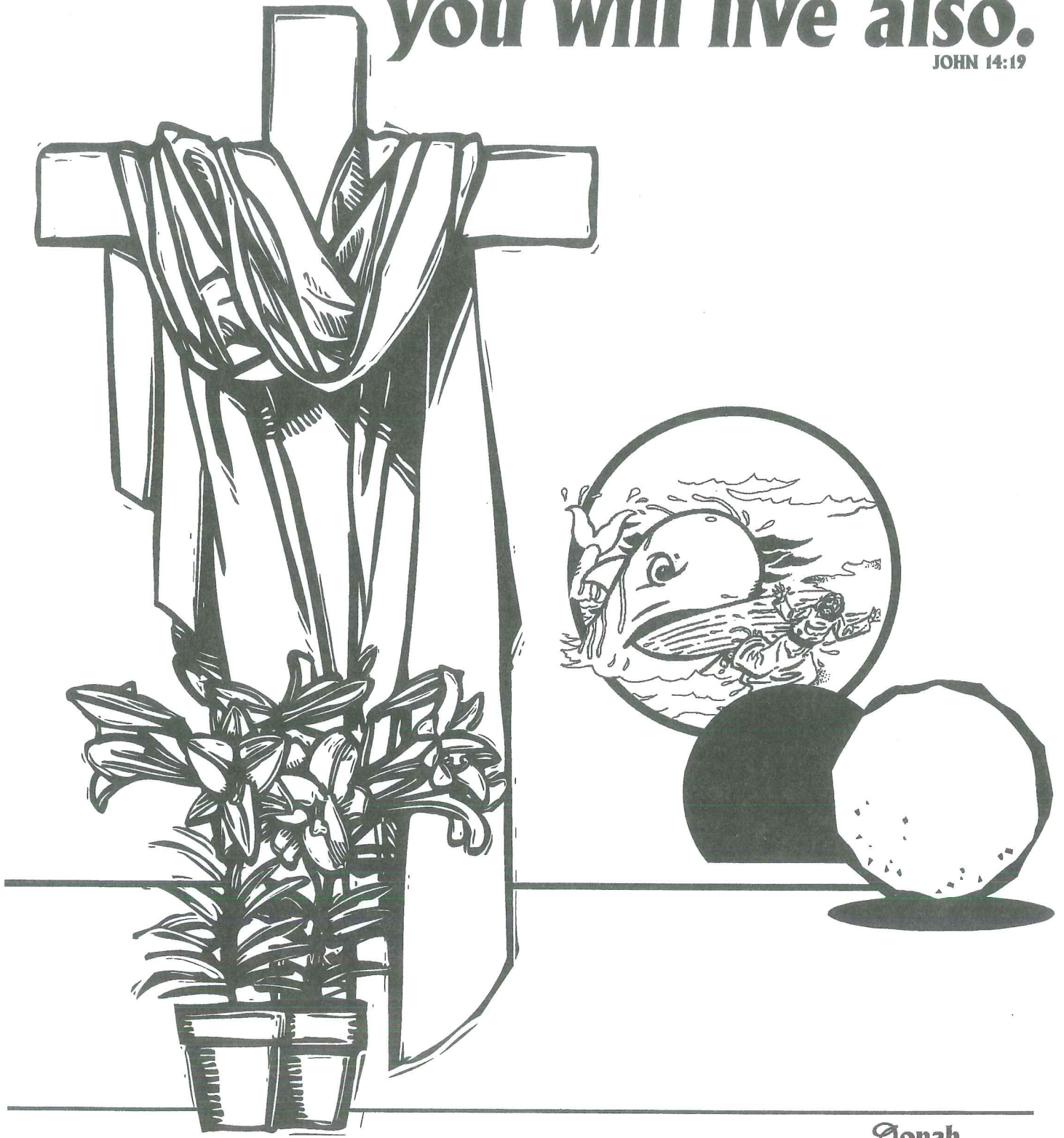
God used this picture of Jonah inside the big fish to teach us about Jesus. Jesus was in the tomb for three days just like Jonah was inside the big fish for three days. Jesus rose from the dead after three days just like Jonah came out of the fish after three days.

Sometimes we act like Jonah. Our parents tell us to do things, and we don't want to do them. When we say "no" to them, we are saying "no" to God. This is why Jesus came to die on the cross for us to take all those sins away. But, if Jesus would have stayed dead, we would not be saved. He had to rise from the dead to show everyone that He is stronger than death. He is alive and took away all our sins. He rose to show everyone that He was God. This is so important for us because, now, we do not have to be afraid of dying. Jesus is stronger than death. When we die, we know that we will rise from the dead and go to be with Jesus in heaven. We know this because Jesus rose from the dead.



*Because I live,
you will live also.*

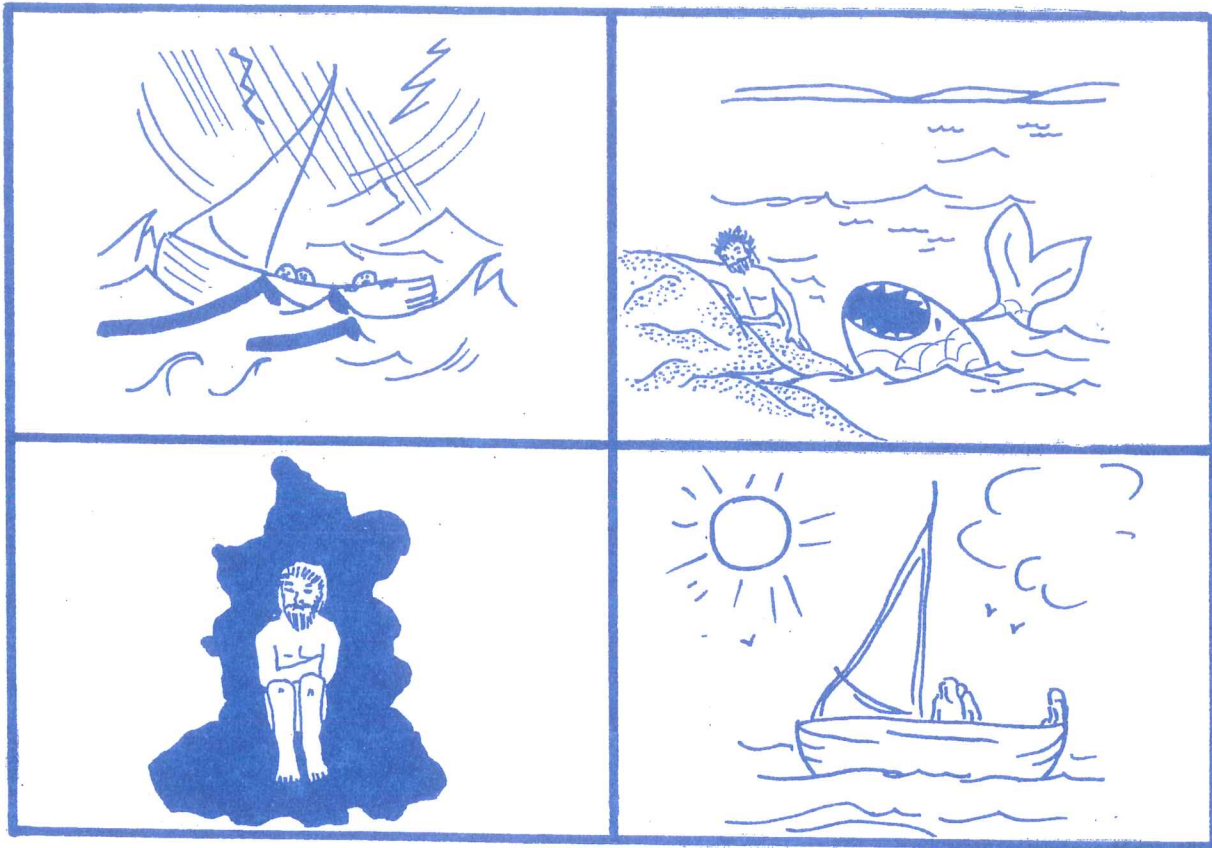
JOHN 14:19



Lesson 4: Jonah and the Fish

Worksheet—Level I

Draw a line from each number to show the correct order.



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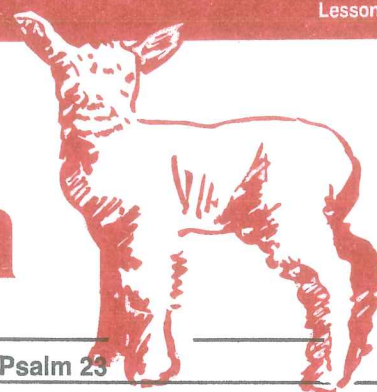
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_____ lives, I shall live forever.

The Shepherd Psalm



Do you like to sing songs? Songs are fun to sing, and God likes it when we sing songs to Him. Back before Jesus was born, people sang songs too. They called them something different. They called them psalms. Today we are going to hear about a psalm that tells us about our last picture about Jesus. This picture calls Jesus our shepherd, and it calls us sheep. This song is Psalm 23. Listen to this psalm that calls Jesus our shepherd.

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. 3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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Are you a sheep? God calls you one. He says that we are sheep and Jesus is our shepherd. Why? Sheep need someone to watch over them all the time. They do not have claws or sharp teeth. They cannot run fast or hide. They cannot fly. They are not strong. Sheep need someone to protect them. Bears, wolves, and lions come and try to eat the sheep. The shepherd has to fight for the sheep. We are just like sheep because we need someone to watch over us all the time. The Bible says that the devil is like a lion walking around trying to eat us. We cannot fight against the devil. He is too strong, and we are too weak. We need someone to protect us against the devil. We need Jesus to protect us. He is stronger than the devil. Jesus will fight for us and will protect us. When Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, He beat the devil. Jesus is our shepherd who died and then rose again for His sheep.

Sheep also need to eat and drink, but sheep need someone to show them where the good food and good water are. A shepherd leads the sheep to the nice, green grass for them to eat. A shepherd also leads the sheep to cool water that is easy for the sheep to drink. Jesus is just like a shepherd. He gives us food to eat and water to drink. But Jesus gives us something more important than food and water. He feeds us God's Word. We cannot eat or drink the Bible like we can food and water, but we need the Bible so we can learn about Jesus. Jesus gives us His Word so we can believe that He died on the cross for us and rose from the dead to save us. Jesus is our shepherd who takes care of us.

Sheep like to walk where they are not supposed to walk. They need someone to lead them on the safe path so they do not get in trouble. A shepherd leads them to the safe places, so they can rest and sleep. Jesus is just like a shepherd. We like to do things that we are not supposed to do. We sin by doing things God does not want us to do. When we sin, Jesus forgives us of our sins. Jesus leads us out of trouble with His Word. Jesus leads us as we live. He leads on the path to the safest place of all, heaven. Jesus is our shepherd who leads us.

God uses the picture of a shepherd to show us what Jesus does for us. Jesus protects us from the devil just like a shepherd protects the sheep from bears, wolves, and lions. Jesus gives us food and water just like a shepherd gives sheep food and water. Jesus forgives us our sins and leads us to heaven just like a shepherd leads the sheep to safe places.

Jesus is our shepherd. We are His sheep. Jesus loves us just like a shepherd loves his sheep. Let's sing a song that tells us Jesus is our shepherd who loves us and takes care of us like His sheep. (the Lutheran Hymnal #648)

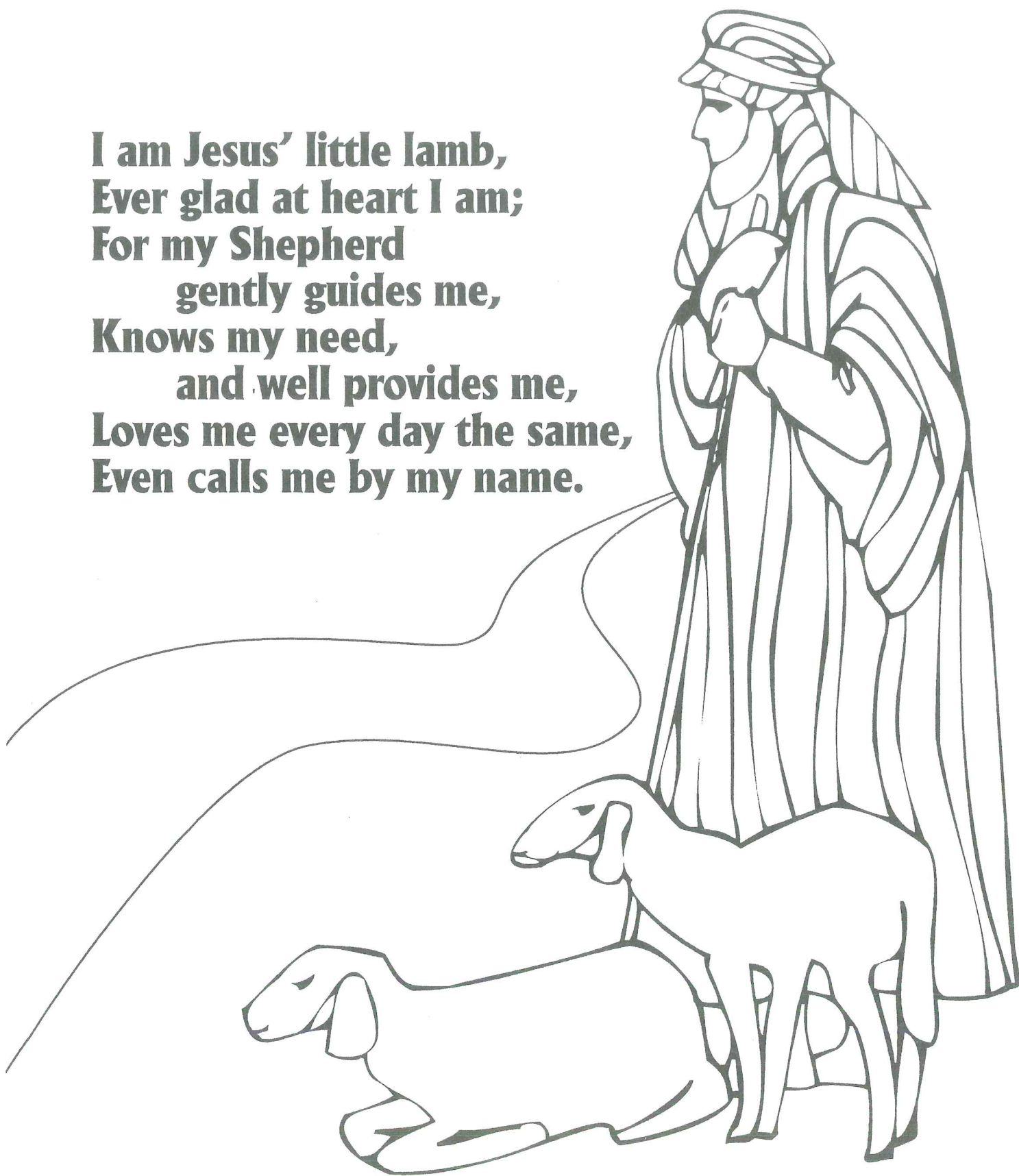


*I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need, and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.*

*Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my Staff and Stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.*

*Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest.*

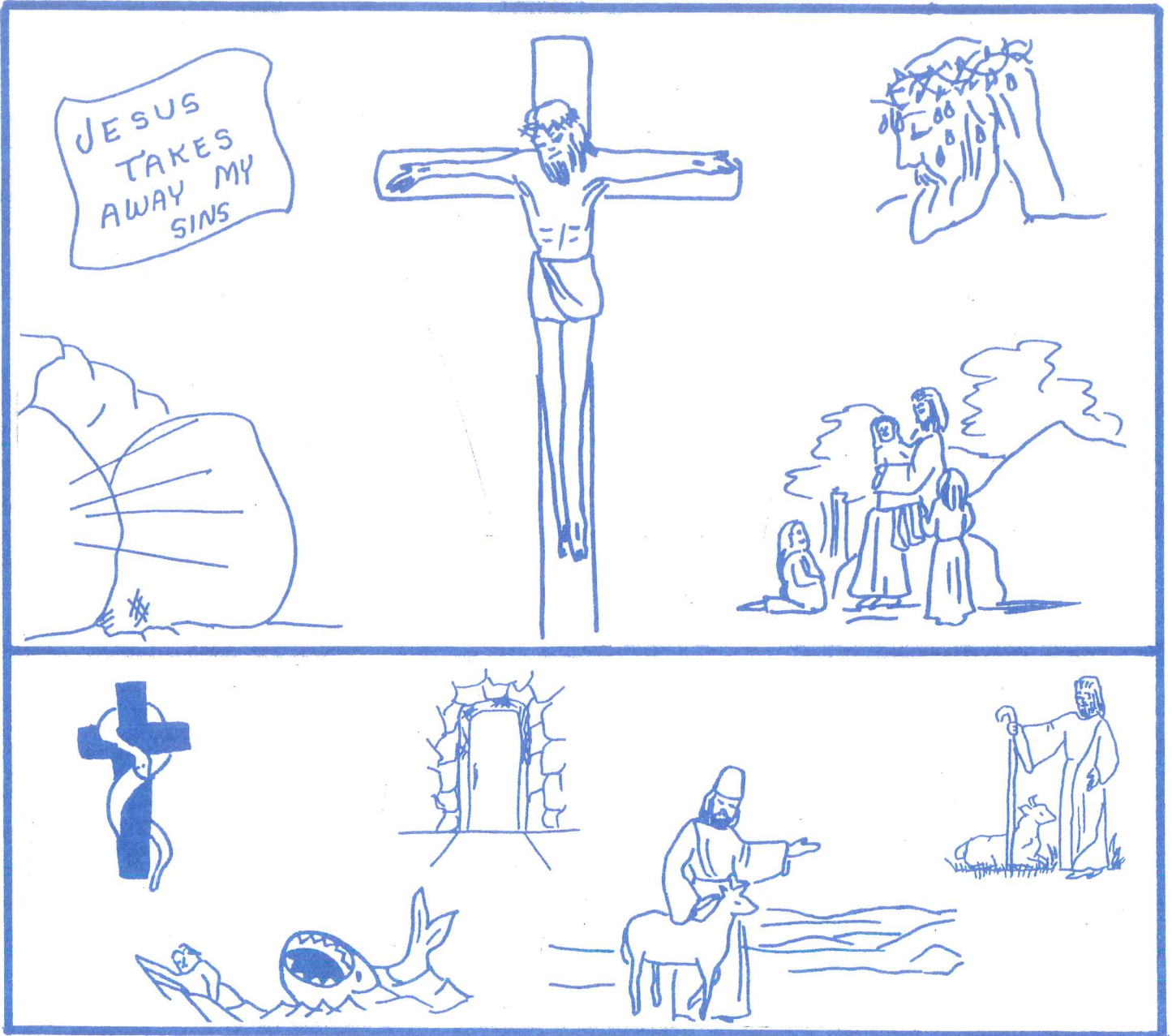
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Lesson 5: The Good Shepherd

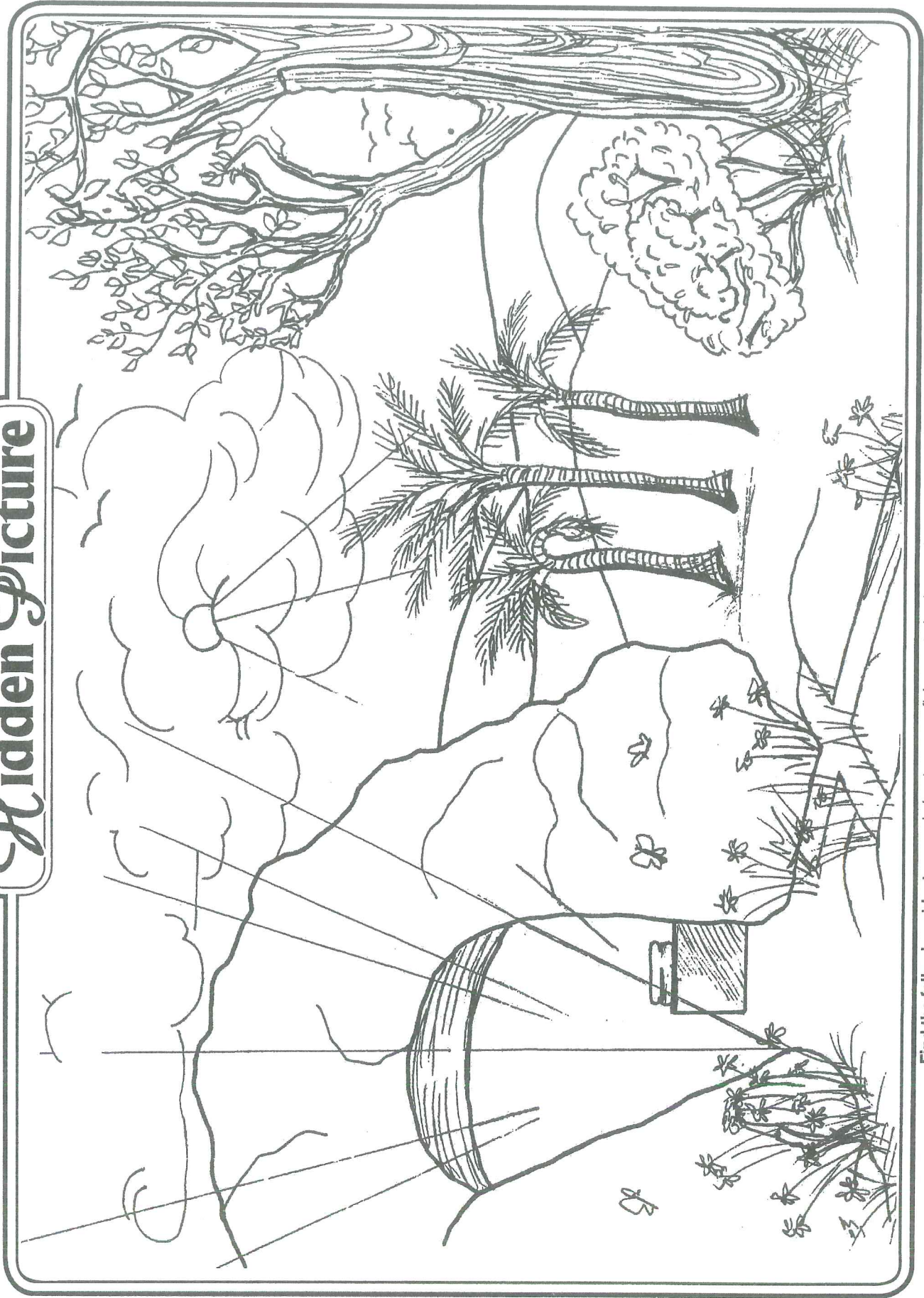
Worksheet—Level I

Draw a line from the picture in the lower level to the picture it goes with in the upper level.



_____ takes good care of me.

Hidden Picture



Find the following objects: angel, boat, cross, fish, goat, lamb, praying hands, serpent, and shepherd's staff.

Memory Page

Level I & II

- 1 John 1:7 The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.
John 1:29 Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
John 14:19 Because I live, you will live also.
John 10:11 I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

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- Eph. 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.
1 Peter 3:18a For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God.
Gal. 3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us: (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on the tree").
Jn. 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life, He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?
Jn. 10:27-28 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

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1. Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed
With joy shall I lift up my head.

4. Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Forever doth for sinners plead,
For me, e'en for my soul was shed.

3. The holy, meek, unspotted Lamb
Who from the Father's bosom came
Who died for me, e'en me t' atone
Now for my Lord and God I own.

6. When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies
E'en then this shall be all my plea
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank and praise You for saving us from our sins. We indeed confess that we have done many wrong and sinful things. We deserve to die in hell. But we thank You for sending Jesus to save us. His blood washes away all of our sins. Our Lord Jesus has carried away all the sins of the world. They cannot come back and hurt us. Jesus is our Substitute. He has been punished for us. He died on the cross for us. Jesus also rose from the dead and because He lives, we shall live also. But we still need His help every day. Faithful and good Shepherd, we thank You for all the care You give us. We pray that You would guide and protect all of Your lambs. Feed us with the Word of God and finally take us through the valley of the shadow of death to our home in heaven.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.