

**MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL BULLETIN NO 16**

*Last week we saw the problem we all have in our lives - sin! This week we will see the solution God has for our problem. He gave the Children of Israel a kind of visual aid, or picture, of how sin would be finally dealt with. We need to look at it carefully to see how God deals with our sin too.*



God gave instructions to Moses for a place where people could come before Him and pray.

He was willing to live with His people. It was to be a **special tent**. Look up Exodus 25 v 8-9.

1) What was the tent called? .....

The tabernacle had two sections. God Himself would be in the second part, the **Most Holy place**, set apart from the people.

Look at Exodus 26 v 33. 2) What acted as a divider between the main Tabernacle and the Most Holy place? .....

**The veil** was a picture of the barrier sin made between them and the holy God. Nothing sinful could enter His presence and live. Something had to be done about sin to put them right with God.

Look up Leviticus 16. God provided a special ceremony which happened once a year. On this **Day of Atonement** God allowed the **High Priest** to enter the Most Holy place.

3) Who was the High Priest at that time? (v 2) .....

4) What did Aaron have to do with the first goat? (v 7-9,15) .....

5) What happened to the second goat? (v 20-22) .....



Have you ever heard of a '**scapegoat**'? This is where the word comes from. It took the guilt of the people, and was banished into the wilderness.

**What does all this mean for us?**

The writer of Hebrews in the New Testament explains. Look up Hebrews 9 v 11-15.

The writer says that these things were all pictures of a much more precious and permanent way of dealing with our sin. The temple building had by then replaced the tabernacle tent. The blood of animals could not actually take away sin. The whole ceremony pointed towards a sacrifice which *could* do that.

What do you think the **Most Holy place**, which is God's dwelling place, was a picture of? H .....

Who came to earth as a greater **High Priest**? J ....., whose death has obtained eternal forgiveness for sin, which is what redemption means (v 12).

Can you remember when **the veil** of the temple was torn in two? When Jesus ..... (See Mark 15 v 37-38). This was the eternal **Day of Atonement** when God and sinners were made 'at one' again by Jesus Christ.

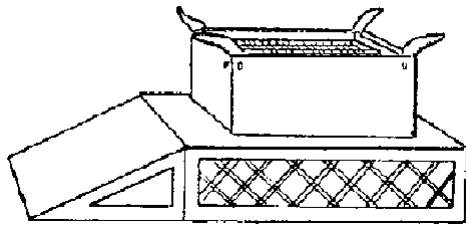
Our dear Lord Jesus, the Saviour of sinners, became the **scapegoat** for those who trust in Him and are truly sorry for their sin. He removed their sin for ever! Jesus is now in Heaven, God's holy dwelling place. His people will be with Him for ever!



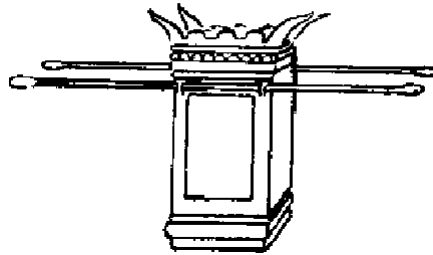
Have you trusted Him to remove your sin?

# THE TABERNACLE: GOD'S VISUAL AID

These pictures show the various things that were placed in the Tabernacle. Colour them in. Then see if you can find the places they used to be in the diagram below. When Jesus died, there was no more need for sacrifices of animals. He took away sin once, for all.



*Bronze Altar  
for burning sacrifices*

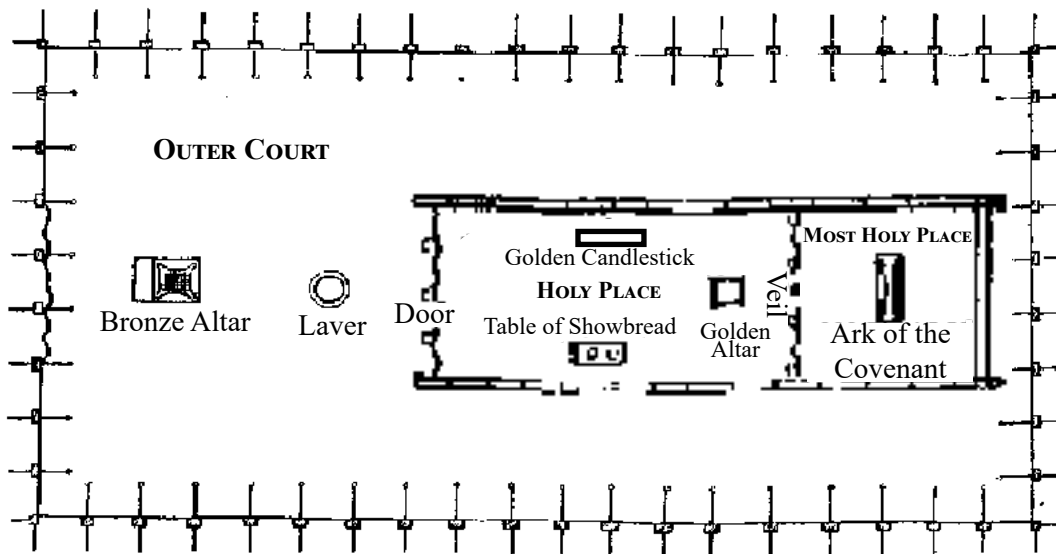


*Golden Altar  
for burning incense*



**What the Tabernacle  
looked like**

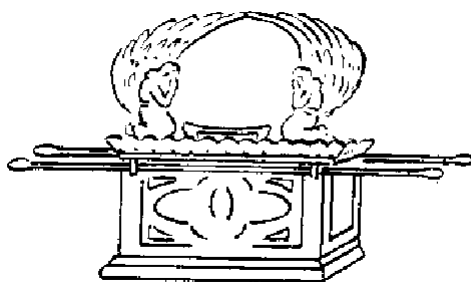
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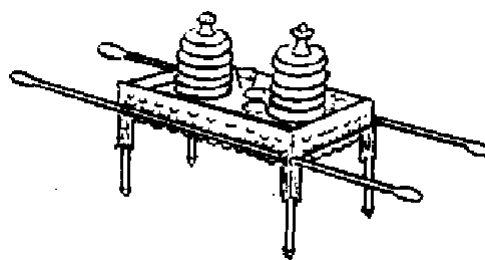
*The Laver  
for washing*



*The Veil*



*The Ark of the Covenant  
symbol of God's presence*



*Table of Showbread  
symbol of God's provision*



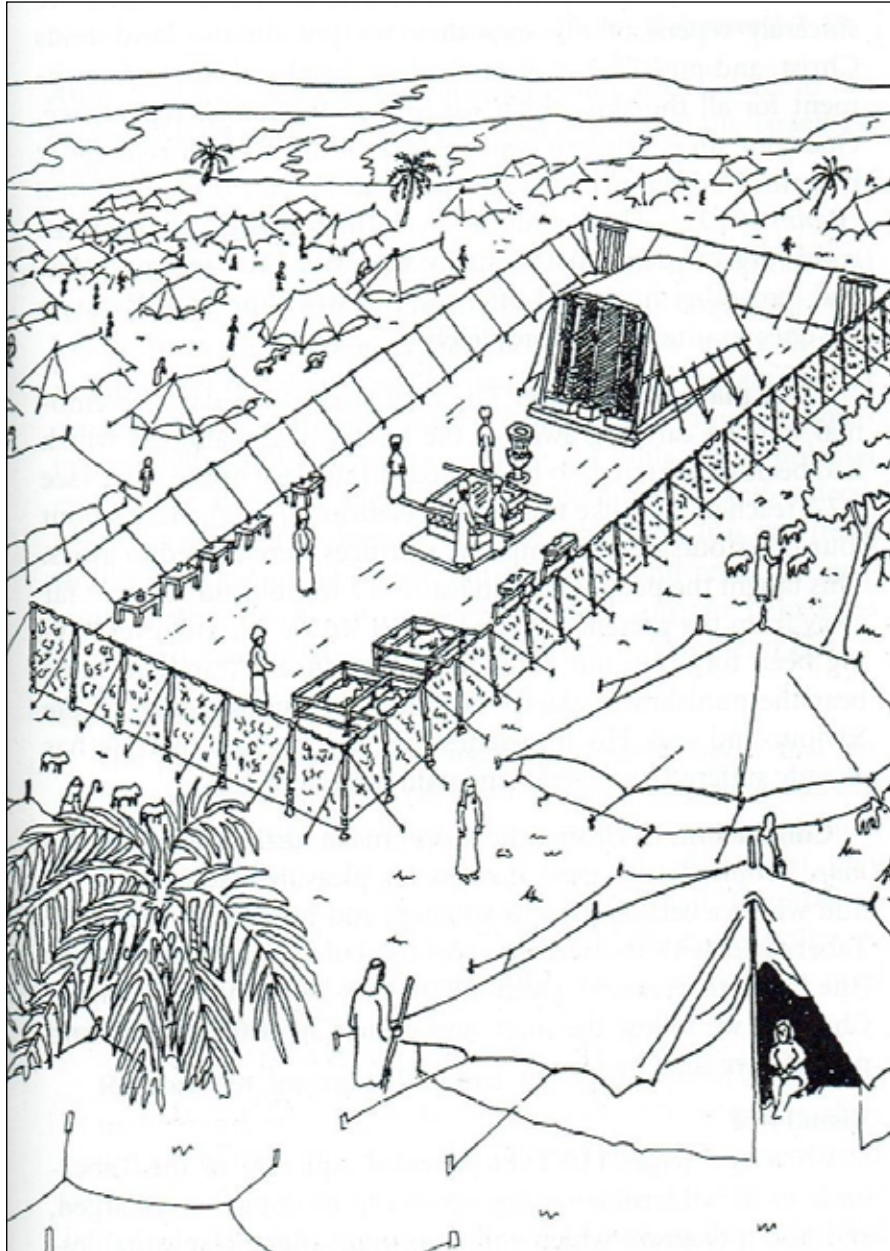
*Golden Candlestick  
for light*

**A verse to memorise:**

**“Christ was offered once,  
to bear the sins of many.”**

**Hebrews 9 v 28**

For younger ones



## Read Exodus 25 v 8-9

God told Moses how to make a special tent for Him. It would be a place where the people could worship God and pray to Him. He promised to be with them. But because God is so holy, there had to be a extra-special place inside which no one could enter. That was because every person has a sinful heart, and God is so holy He cannot allow sin into His presence. In front of this very holy place was a thick curtain to keep people out.

We all have a problem with sin which shuts us out from God. We need our sin to be taken away. God showed the Children of Israel how serious sin is by telling them to animal sacrifices. Sin leads to death! God was saying that one day Someone would die to put people right if they trust in Him. Who do you think that was?

Many years later the Lord Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth and lived as a perfect Man. He did everything His Father in Heaven asked Him to do. Jesus willingly died on the cross so that He could take away the sins of everyone who believes and trusts in Him. Then He rose again from the dead and went back to Heaven. Wasn't that a wonderful thing to do! Jesus was willing to die so that He could save us.

Ask Jesus to forgive your sins.