

Jesus, Our High Priest

The words in this list are spelled backward. Write each word correctly, then use the words to fill in the blanks in the verses below.

devas _____

nettogeb _____

dluohs _____

devol _____

hsirep _____

dlrow _____

reveosohw _____

nmednoc _____

mih _____

hteveileb _____

gnitsalreve _____

For God so _____ the world, that he gave his only
_____ Son, that _____ in
_____ not _____, but have
_____ life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to _____ the
_____; but that the world through him might be
_____.
John 3:16,17



*We have a great high priest,
that is passed into the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God.*

Hebrews 4:14

When did it become necessary for someone to stand between God and man?

In what way was the Old Testament priesthood imperfect? (Hebrews 7:26-28)

How was the Old Testament priesthood part of God's long-term plan?

The tribe of Levi was set apart for the priesthood and the office was passed down from father to son. Jesus was not a descendant of Aaron. How does Hebrews 7:16 explain the higher order of Jesus' priesthood?

Why do you think Jesus understands the hardships and pain we feel even though He is God's Son? Hebrews 5:7-9

How does this lesson on Jesus being your High Priest relate to your life?

How should we bring our needs to Jesus? Hebrews 4:16

OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

(Read Hebrews 5:1 - 10 and Numbers 16:43 - 48)

Write two of the duties of the High Priest _____

(Read Exodus 28:1)

Who was the first High Priest? _____

Who called him to be the High Priest? _____

(Read Hebrews 2:17, 18 and 7:26)

What kind of High Priest is Jesus? _____

(Read Hebrews 7:25 - 27)

What will Jesus do for us? _____

What makes Jesus' sacrifice different? _____

(Read Hebrews 4:14 - 16)

How can having Jesus as our High Priest help us? _____



OPENER -- Show illustrations of High Priest and the Altar

Discuss how the High Priest prayed for the people and went between them and God.

God gave the children of Israel priests to perform their religious work. This included offering sacrifices and prayers for the people. The priest would make sure his own soul was right before God, then he could pray for the people, that God would help them to get right with Him.

The priest was only a man. When Jesus came, because He is God and man, He became a perfect High Priest for us. The Bible says that Jesus offered Himself a sacrifice for sins, once for all -- that means you and me! Because He is God, He can forgive our sins.

Because He came to this earth and became a man, He understands us. Jesus knows what it's like to grow up. He knows what it's like to be tempted, or disappointed, or to lose a friend. Jesus understands us.

Jesus is able to help us when we come to Him in prayer. Jesus loves you, and He wants you to get right with God, and He wants to be your Helper when you are tempted.

ILLUSTRATION -- can be used as Opener or Closer

There was a girl named Samantha. She worked in the cafeteria at school. One day her friend said, "Sam, if you take some money, nobody will know if you don't ring it up on the register." Sam thought about it. Yes, it would work. All the ladies did to check on you was to match the cash in the drawer with the cash register receipt. She could just pocket some money, and no one would know.

So she did it. Samantha stole some money and shared it with her friend. But afterward she felt terrible. She felt guilty and dirty, inside and hated herself for doing it.

Then she didn't know how to make it right -- if she gave back the money, she would be found guilty of stealing and be suspended from school. It would be very bad.

All night she cried and wondered what to do. Then she thought about Mrs. Lambert. Mrs. Lambert had been her teacher last year, and Samantha loved and trusted her. Mrs. Lambert would know what to do!

After school the next day she found Mrs. Lambert and told her all the story. She cried and said how sorry she was, and that she was willing to pay back the money when she could, but she didn't know what to do. Mrs. Lambert said, "Samantha, I will go and talk to the principal for you. This is a serious thing you've done, but I can tell you're truly sorry. I will go to him and ask him not to suspend you."

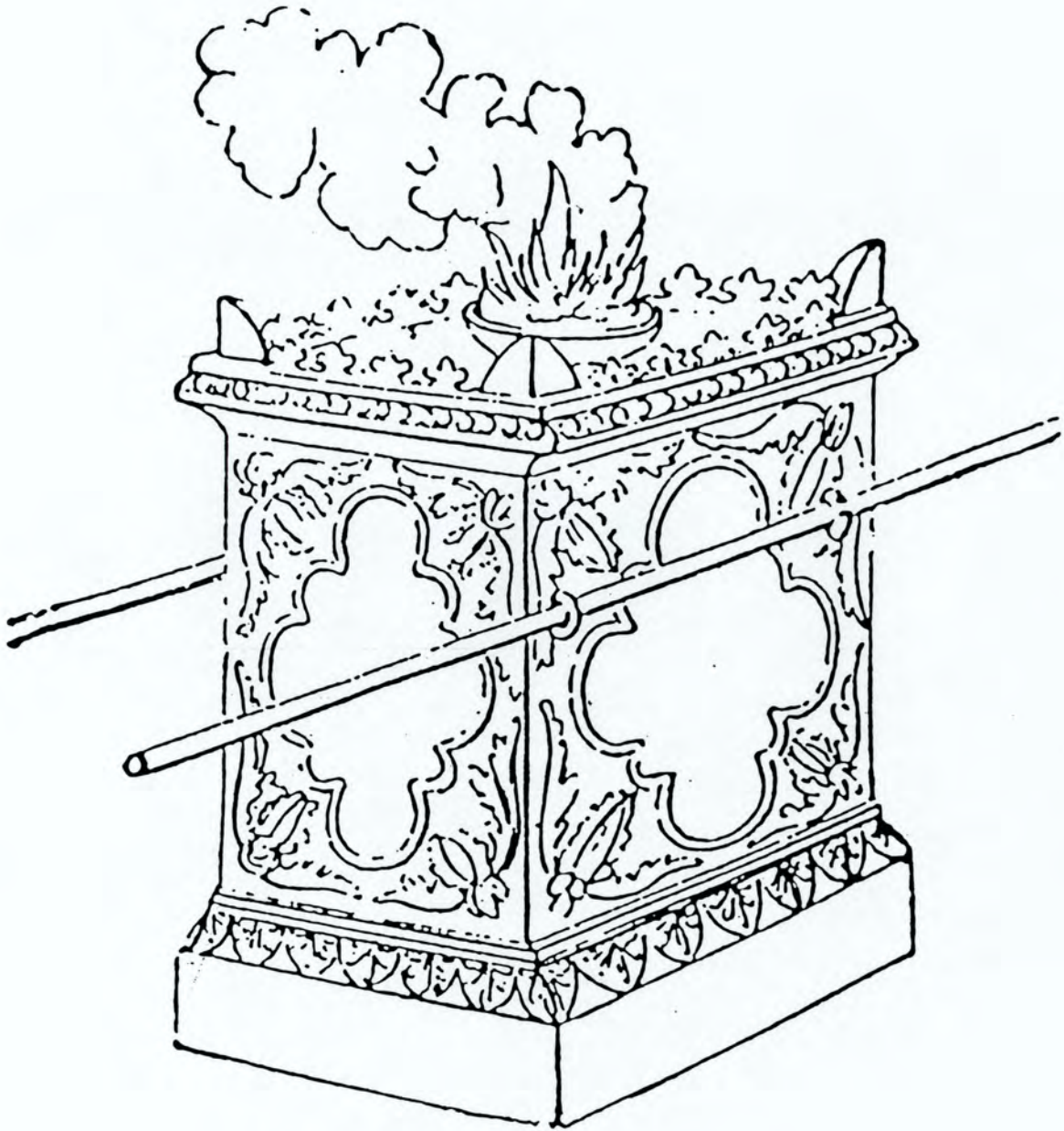
So Mrs. Lambert went to the principal and explained Samantha's problem. The principal, Mr. Johnson, listened to her, then he said, "She should be suspended for what she has done. But because you have come to me and explained that she is truly sorry, I will forgive her. This will not be put on her record."

Samantha found mercy she didn't deserve and help when she needed it most because Mrs. Lambert went between her and the principal.

In Bible times, the High Priest went between the people and God, and prayed for the people, and made sacrifices to God for them. Today "we have a great High Priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God." His sacrifice was made on Calvary "once for all" and He stands ready to help every one that calls upon Him.



32.—THE HIGH-PRIEST IN HIS ROBES.



80.—ALTAR OF INCENSE.