

# Worship in the Tabernacle

# **Key Themes**

- God reveals His character in the Bible.
- God provides salvation from sin through Jesus.

# **Key Passages**

Exodus 25:10; Genesis 3:18; Matthew 27:29; Exodus 25:17–18; Jude 1:21; Exodus 25:23, 25:30; John 6:35; Exodus 25:31; John 8:12; Exodus 28:3; Hebrews 7:26; Exodus 30:17–19;1 John 1:9; Hebrews 10:3–4, 10:11–14

# **Objectives**

Students will be able to:

- Connect how the objects in the Tabernacle point to Jesus Christ.
- Describe how the Old Testament sacrifices made day after day differ from the sacrifice Jesus Christ made for sinners.



# **Lesson Overview**



Come On In

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Students will put together the Memory Verse puzzle for Exodus 20:1–5a. (Save the puzzles for use again in Lesson 12.)



## Activity 1: The Tabernacle Points to Christ

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Students will fill out The Tabernacle Points to Christ worksheet during class.



# Studying God's Word

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The items God prescribed for the wilderness Tabernacle provide a symbol or shadow of what was to come in the Messiah, Jesus Christ. The sacrificial system ordained by God for the Israelites was insufficient to cover sin. However, the perfect sacrifice of the only perfect one, Jesus Christ, was completely sufficient to cover all sins once and for all for everyone who would believe in Him.



# Activity 2: Symbols Lead to the Real Thing

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Students will get a treat after discussing how the "symbols" on a cookie package lead to the real thing—inside the package.

# **Lesson Preparation**

#### WHAT YOU WILL DO

#### WHAT YOU WILL NEED



#### COME ON IN

- ☐ If you did not already do this, print one Exodus 20 memory verse puzzle from the Resource DVD-ROM onto cardstock for each student.
- ☐ Cut out the pieces according to the template and put each set into a bag or envelope for each student.
- ☐ Exodus 20 memory verse puzzle in a bag or envelope for each student



#### THE TABERNACLE POINTS TO CHRIST

- ☐ Print one Scripture Strips from the Resource DVD-ROM and cut the strips apart. Give one strip to each student before you begin to teach. Those with strips will read the verse they have been assigned during the lesson.
- ☐ Print one The Tabernacle Points to Christ worksheet from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student. Pass the worksheets out before you begin the lesson.
- ☐ Print one answer key for your use.

- ☐ Scripture Strips for use during the lesson
- ☐ The Tabernacle Points to Christ worksheet for each student
- ☐ The Tabernacle Points to Christ answer key
- ☐ Pencils



#### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

- ☐ Study the Prepare to Share section.
- ☐ Go Before the Throne.
- ☐ Print Tabernacle Illustrations from the Resource DVD-ROM.
- ☐ Student Take Home Sheets
- ☐ Tabernacle Illustrations



#### SYMBOLS LEAD TO THE REAL THING

- ☐ Purchase a bag of cookies that shows a "symbol" or picture of the cookies on the outside of the package.
- ☐ Bag of cookies with pictures of cookies on the outside and enough cookies for the entire class



# Memory Verse

**Exodus 20:1–5a** God spoke all these words, saying: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them."

➤ Pace your lesson! You can use the provided clocks to indicate the time each section should be completed to keep the lesson on schedule. While teaching, you can compare your anticipated times with the actual time and shorten or drop sections as necessary.



#### SCRIPTURAL BACKGROUND

Read Exodus 25–31; Hebrews 7:26; Hebrews 10:1–14. As you prepare for this lesson and read the text, consider the holiness of God as He delivers the instructions for His dwelling place on earth with men and the atonement He offers for sin through Jesus Christ alone.

When God gives details, we should take notice. And in this account—the construction of the Tabernacle—God is all about details. In fact, it is so detailed that this is one of those sections of Scripture that people tend to skip over because of the "boring details." But why did God include such explicit detail? These rigid directions reveal that God dwells with men according to His plan and purpose. He is absolutely changeless and holy. He knew how He wanted to be worshipped and He would not tolerate any other form. This dwelling place, with all its furnishings, was to be built according to all that God revealed (Exodus 25:9).

Some of the items included in the Tabernacle are worth mentioning here. The table of showbread was to be set outside the Most Holy Place. On it would be 12 loaves of bread—representing the 12 tribes of Israel. These were to be set before the Lord each Sabbath—and eaten by Aaron and his sons in a holy place (Leviticus 24:8–9). We can easily see that this bread also pointed toward Jesus Christ, the bread of life (John 6:35).

The golden lampstands (made of pure gold) stood across from the table of showbread. These lamps were fueled with olive oil and burned continually (Exodus 27:20). The priests certainly needed light within the Tabernacle—but surely we see that this un-extinguished light points to our Lord and Savior, "the light of the world" (John 8:12).

The most important piece of furniture instructed by God was the Ark of the Covenant—the gold-covered chest that would find its home within the Most Holy Place. The Ark would house the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant (Hebrews 9:4). It was covered by the mercy seat (Exodus 25:17), and God would speak to the priest from above the mercy seat (Exodus 25:22) over the Ark. On the Day of Atonement, the blood of the sacrifice would be sprinkled on the mercy seat to make atonement for the sins of Israel (Leviticus 16:15–16).

The picture here should take our breath away as God reveals His plan of redemption. Can you picture God above the mercy seat (Exodus 25:22) look-

ing down at the Ark housing the Law that could never be obeyed (Romans 3:19–20), knowing that because of His holiness He must demand perfect obedience? And then, once a year—on the Day of Atonement—the blood is sprinkled, according to the Law, onto the mercy seat and God sees the sin offering presented which provides a temporary covering, but can never take away sins (Hebrews 10:11). What a wonderful foreshadowing of Christ's sacrifice offered once for sins forever (Hebrews 10:12).

The building of the Tabernacle, far from being boring, offers us hope and the promise that by one offering—Jesus Christ—God has perfected those who are being sanctified (Hebrews 10:14).

#### APOLOGETICS BACKGROUND

God's instructions for the objects used in the Tabernacle included an interesting building material—acacia wood (Exodus 25:5, 25:10, 25:13, 25:23, 25:28, and others). The acacia tree was used throughout the Tabernacle—but most significantly it was what the Ark itself was made of. The acacia tree was covered with sharp thorns. Thorns are a constant reminder of the Curse placed in the garden after sin entered the world (Genesis 3:18). The Curse is real. As the workmen prepared the articles for the Tabernacle, they would have had a constant physical reminder of the presence of sin.

And this tree was what God specifically wanted used to house the Law He had given to Moses on Mt. Sinai—the Law that could never be obeyed perfectly. The law that humbles man to the knowledge of his own sinfulness (Romans 3:20).

Can you see the picture? The Ark made from the sin-cursed, thorn-covered tree, housing the Law that could never be kept, doused with the sacrificial blood every year, before the mercy seat, for atonement of the sins of the people. What an amazing foreshadowing of God's plan of redemption through Jesus Christ—who would shed his blood once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous (1 Peter 3:18) as the propitiation for the sins of all who would believe (1 John 4:10).

We are surrounded by real reminders of the Curse and sin every day. But we can find joy and hope in the promise He has given us through the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world (Revelation 13:8).

#### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Tabernacle was intended to be a temporary structure until Jerusalem was established as the capital

of the Israelite nation. It was used during the forty years the Israelites wandered in the desert and was replaced by Solomon's Temple 400 years later.

Houses of worship and temples were quite common at this time in history. Many cultures had temples dedicated to their pagan gods. These were often situated on mountains or high hills because the people believed that this would bring them nearer to their gods. This practice of pagan worship on the mountain tops explains the command of God to the Israelites as they entered into the Promised Land to destroy the high places that were established to worship Baal and other false gods (Numbers 33:52; Deuteronomy 12:2).

God was very precise in His directions of both the Tabernacle and the Temple. Today, however, because of Jesus Christ our Savior—Immanuel, God with us (Matthew 1:23)—we do not look to a temple to worship in, but we worship God in spirit and truth wherever we are (John 4:19–24). Jesus is the cornerstone of the church, which now grows together throughout the world into a holy temple in the Lord (Ephesians 2:21). In fact, the apostle Paul makes it clear that we are the temple of the living God and God has made

His dwelling among us (2 Corinthians 6:16). Because of this, we should endeavor to live in humble worship and praise to our holy God in all we do—consistently reflecting His glory throughout our lives.

For more information on this topic, see the Online Resource Page.



# **BEFORE THE THRONE**

Oh dear Lord, I thank you for the foreshadowing of Jesus Christ in the Old Testament. Help me to realize that the entire Bible is about your redemptive plan in Christ. And as I study more, allow my eyes to see Jesus Christ my Savior in every passage. Father, I pray that the children will realize the significance of the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made—the only perfect sacrifice sufficient to take away sins once and for all. Bring them to the realization of their own sinfulness and then allow them to see Jesus for the wonderful Savior that He is.



## **COME ON IN**

As student arrive . . .

They will put together the Memory Verse puzzle for Exodus 20:1-5a and then recite the verse several times.



After all the students arrive, pray with them before beginning the lesson.



Using the Lesson Theme Posters provided with each lesson, quickly review the previous lesson(s) with your students. Take 5 to 10 minutes to reinforce the important truths the students have heard so far in your class.

Ask the children questions about the previous lessons as you display the Lesson Theme Posters. Reflect briefly on the passages you read, bringing the objectives and themes back into focus. This will refresh the truths in your students' minds and maintain continuity as you teach through the lessons.

Let's review our memory verses. Put your puzzle pieces back in the bags if you haven't already done that. When I say "Go," I want you to empty your bags and begin to put the puzzle together in the right order. Stand up when you have the puzzle finished. Let's see who can be the fastest. And no looking at the Memory Verse poster! Say "Go," and let students put their puzzles together.

OK. Let's practice saying the verses together. As we say each phrase on your puzzle, turn that phrase upside down.

Great! Now, who can say the verses without **looking?** Allow students to try to recite the passage. They shouldn't be looking at the Memory Verse poster.





# The Tabernacle Points to Christ

#### **MATERIALS**

- ☐ Scripture Strips with verse references for the lesson
- ☐ The Tabernacle Points to Christ worksheet for each student
- ☐ The Tabernacle Points to Christ answer key
- ☐ Pencils

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Before you begin this section, pass out the Scripture Strips you prepared. Have the children who received strips find the Scripture in their Bibles and mark the place with the strips. They will read those as you work your way through the lesson.

I want you to mark your Bible with the Scripture Strip I am handing you. You will

read the verse you have when we get to that part of the lesson.

We will also fill out these worksheets as we go through the lesson. Pass out The Tabernacle Points to Christ worksheets and pencils.

#### **CONNECT TO THE TRUTH**

As we study God's Word today, we are going to be reading Scriptures from the Old and New Testaments. Our lesson is about the Tabernacle God commanded Moses to build while he and the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness. We will see how that Old Testament Tabernacle pointed to Jesus Christ, our Savior.



#### **READ THE WORD**

You will be reading the verses for this lesson when I call on you.

We are studying Moses and the Exodus. When God called Moses up on the mountain to get the stone tablets with the Ten Commandments, God also gave the people many other laws and told them they were to make sacrifices to Him.

God wanted to dwell with His people. God wanted His people to worship Him, and He gave them very detailed directions on how to do that. God commanded Moses to build a Tabernacle where the people would offer sacrifices and worship to their holy God. This Tabernacle was a very special place. It contained two different areas—the Most Holy Place separated by a curtain or a veil from the Holy Place. God gave detailed instructions on how to build the Tabernacle and what to place inside of the areas in it. That's what we are going to look at right now—the items God instructed Moses to put into the Tabernacle. Show the Lesson Theme poster.

**Exodus 25:10** 

We will read about what was in the Most Holy Place first. Who has our very first verse, Exodus 25:10? Have the students read these verses.

#### **EXAMINE THE WORD**

#### **Observe the Text**

- What did God command the Israelites to build? An ark.
  - This is also called the Ark of the Covenant, or the Ark of the Testimony. This was to be placed in the Most Holy Place, and was the only item in there. Only the High Priest could enter this area, and he only went in once a year.
- And what was this ark made of? Acacia wood. Answer question 1 on your worksheet—ark and acacia. Show the picture of the Ark of the Covenant from the Resource DVD-ROM or other source.

You know the acacia tree is full of very sharp thorns. *Answer question 2 on the worksheet—thorns.* 

- **Does anyone remember when thorns are first mentioned in the Bible?**Allow for answers.
- Who has Genesis 3:18? Please read that.
- **Why did thorns begin growing on plants?** Allow for answers. It was one of the results of the Curse brought on the world because of sin. Answer question 3 on the worksheet—sin.
- Who has Matthew 27:29? This is in the New Testament. Will you read it please?

So here again we see thorns—the result of sin. Jesus wore this crown of thorns on the Cross. The thorns remind us that sin brought a curse on the world and only Jesus Christ could undo that curse. Answer questions 4 and 5 on the worksheet—crown of thorns, sin.

- OK. Now who has Exodus 25:17–18? This item was also in the Most Holy Place. Would you read it please?
- **What did God tell the Israelites to build next?** Have the student read the verse. The mercy seat.
- And what did God instruct them to put over the mercy seat? That is in verse 18. Two gold cherubim. Answer questions 6 and 7 on the worksheet—mercy, two cherubim.
- **Who knows what cherubim are?** Allow for answers. They are a type of angel. Point out the cherubim that are over the mercy seat on the picture of the Ark.

The mercy seat was like a cover for the Ark of the Covenant. God would meet and talk with the High Priest from above the mercy seat. But the priest could only enter there once a year. This was a special place where God would show His mercy and love toward His people.

- Who has Jude 1:21? Will you read that for us?
- Where else does mercy come from according to this verse? Jesus Christ. Answer question 8 on the worksheet—Jesus Christ.

Yes. When Jesus Christ came to die for us and to be our Savior, He showed the mercy of God once and for all through the forgiveness and eternal life He offers to everyone who believes in Him.

As you teach the lesson, show pictures of the Tabernacle items from the Resource DVD-ROM or another source.

Genesis 3:18

Matthew 27:29

Exodus 25:17-18

Jude 1:21

So these items were in the Most Holy Place: the ark covered by the mercy seat and the cherubim. God was very serious about His holiness. And He insisted that the Israelites knew He was holy—that He was to be feared, honored, and respected.

## Exodus 25:23, 30

- The next items were to be put outside the Most Holy Place in what God called the Holy Place. Who has Exodus 25:23 and Exodus 25:30? Will you both read those for us? Have both students read their Scriptures.
- What is the next item God commanded them to build, found in verse 23? A table.
- **And what were they to put on this table?** Showbread. Show the picture of the table of showbread from the Resource DVD-ROM or some other source.

Let me explain here. This is referred to as the table of showbread. And it is real bread. Each week 12 new loaves of bread were to be placed on the table. They were to be eaten once a week by the priests and only in the Holy Place. This bread reminded the people that their holy, faithful God had provided for their needs in the past and would continue to provide for their needs. Answer questions 9 and 10 on the worksheet—bread, provide.

#### John 6:35

- Who has John 6:35? Please read that for us.
- Who does this say is the bread of life? Jesus Christ.

  That's right. When Jesus came, God revealed that Jesus is the true bread—
  the bread of life. And the bread that Jesus would bring—the truth—
  would bring us eternal life. Answer questions 11 and 12 on the worksheet—bread, eternal.

**Exodus 25:31** 

- We are still talking about things to go into the Holy Place. Who has Exodus 25:31? Please read it for us.
- **What is the next item to be placed in the Tabernacle?** A golden lampstand. Show the picture of the golden lampstand from the Resource DVD-ROM or some other source.

That's right. And the Bible tells us that this lampstand was to be fueled with special oil and was never to go out. It was to burn day and night.

Answer question 13 on the worksheet—golden lampstand.

#### John 8:12

- Who has John 8:12? Will you read it?
- What does Jesus tell us about Himself in this verse? He is the light of the world. Whoever walks with Him will not walk in darkness. Answer question 14 on the worksheet—lesus Christ.

Exodus 28:3

- This is some account, isn't it? And now God gets into what He wants the people to wear! Who has Exodus 28:3? Please read it.
- **What are they to make?** Aaron's garments. Show a picture of the garments prescribed by God from the Resource DVD–ROM or other source.

Yes. And remember that Aaron was the High Priest. God was very careful to tell them exactly what to make and how to make all of it. He wanted

the High Priest to be acceptable as he came in to worship and offer sacrifice to the most holy God. *Answer question 15 on the worksheet—wear.* 

Who has Hebrews 7:26? This verse is talking about Jesus Christ. Please read it for us.

Hebrews 7:26

What does this verse tell us about Jesus, our High Priest? He is holy, harmless, undefiled (pure or sinless), separate from all sinners.

That is right. Jesus Christ is the perfect High Priest. He did not need to continue to make sacrifices to God. He made one sacrifice—when He died—and that one sacrifice of His blood offers forgiveness to everyone who repents and trusts in Him. Answer question 16 on the worksheet—High Priest.

Exodus 30:17-19

- On to Exodus 30:17–19. Who has those verses? Please read them.
- **What does this passage instruct the Israelites to build?** A bronze laver. Show the picture of the bronze laver from the Resource DVD–ROM or other source.
- **What was this for?** This is where Aaron and the other priests were to wash before ministering to the Lord.

Right. The bronze laver was to cleanse the priests. They needed to be clean in order to come into God's presence. Answer question 17 on the worksheet—clean.

- ? So how does that point to Jesus? Who has 1 John 1:9? Please read it for us.
- What happens when we confess our sins? God cleanses us from all sin when we confess our sins and place our faith in Jesus. Answer question 18 on the worksheet—sins.

One other item that went into the Tabernacle was the Altar of Incense. This was where the priests burned incense—sweet-smelling spices—to the Lord. The Bible speaks of the prayers of God's people being like incense to God. And the Bible tells us that Jesus is in heaven now praying for us! Show the picture of the Altar of Incense from the Resource DVD-ROM or other source.

#### **Discover the Truth**

Do you see how the Tabernacle that God commanded the Israelites to construct pointed to Jesus Christ in many ways? The showbread—Jesus, the bread of life; the golden lampstand—Jesus, the light of the world; the garments for the High Priest—Jesus, our perfect High Priest; the mercy seat of God—Jesus, the one who shows us God's mercy through His life, death, and Resurrection; the bronze laver—Jesus, the one who cleanses us from all sin. All of these pointed to the one who would one day come and make an end to all sacrifices.

This place was a very special place where the Israelites offered worship and praise to our most holy God. It included the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place. God demanded high honor and respect from the priests who would enter these places because He is holy. Show the Lesson Theme Poster with the picture of the Tabernacle and all its elements.

1 John 1:9

#### **READ THE WORD**

On this picture of the Tabernacle complex you can see what is called the altar of burnt offering, where animal sacrifices would be made to God. God demanded these animal sacrifices because of the disobedience and sin of the people. Show the Lesson Theme poster and point out the altar of burnt offering.

He gave specific instructions for building an altar and placing sacrifices there. Every day—day after day—for years the priests sacrificed animals on the altar to cover the people's sin. But there was a problem with those sacrifices.

The book of Hebrews gives us an idea of what the problem was with all of those animal sacrifices made every single day. Who has Hebrews 10:3–4? Please read it. And who has Hebrews 10:11–14? Please read it.

## Hebrews 10:3–4, 10:11–14

#### **EXAMINE THE WORD**

#### **Observe the Text**

- Look at Hebrews 10:3–4 again. What do the sacrifices in the Tabernacle remind us of? Sin. Answer question 19 on the worksheet—sin.
  - That's right. Those sacrifices, day after day and year after year, were a reminder that the people were always sinning against our holy God. And those sacrifices had to be continually offered for their sins.
- I think verse 4 puts it pretty clearly. What does that say? The blood of bulls and goats could never take away sin. Answer question 20 on the worksheet—never, sin.
- **And what does Hebrews 10:11 tell us the priests did?** Offered sacrifices every day.
- Now read Hebrews 10:12 again. What man is being talked about? Allow for answers. Jesus Christ.
- **Yes.** And what did Jesus Christ do? He offered one sacrifice for sins forever. Answer question 21 on the worksheet—one, forever.
- And after that sacrifice, where did Jesus go? He sat down at the right hand of God.
  - What verse 14 is saying is that Jesus's sacrifice—His offering—was perfect. It was a perfect sacrifice because He was sinless and perfect Himself. By His one offering of Himself on the Cross, he was perfecting everyone who would believe in Him and trust Him to forgive their sins and offer them eternal life.
- What does this verse say about how many times Jesus needed to offer Himself? Answer question 22 on the worksheet—once.

#### **Discover the Truth**

You see, Jesus Christ was the final sacrifice. Jesus died just once—the sacrifice of His life took care of sins forever for everyone who would turn to Him in repentance and faith.



The sacrifices of animals in Old Testament times had to be made over and over again because they only covered people's sin and did not take the sins away. Those sacrifices reminded the people of their sinfulness, their need for forgiveness, and their need for a Savior. They were like a shadow giving a picture of what Christ would do when He came. When Christ offered Himself as the final sacrifice for sin, because He was perfect, it only had to be made once. His sacrifice was able to finally remove the sins of all those who would believe in Him.



# Symbols Lead to the Real Thing

#### **MATERIALS**

- ☐ Package of cookies with a picture of the cookies
- $\square$  Enough cookies for each student

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Show the package to the students and discuss that the purpose of the picture on the outside is to lead people to look for the real cookies inside. Explain that the picture is a symbol for the real thing.

How is the picture of the cookie like the mercy seat, the lampstand, and the showbread? It is a symbol for something else.

The picture of the cookie helps us find the real thing we are looking for. Give each student a cookie.

The Tabernacle and everything in it were symbols to help the people look for something. What did all those symbols point to? Jesus, who would come to be the Savior.

#### CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

God used the Tabernacle and its furnishings to point the way to Jesus and His final sacrifice for our sins. Refer to the pictures from the Resource DVD-ROM and Lesson Theme Poster.



#### WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

The Tabernacle was to be the place where the Israelites met with God. It was a very special place that God commanded they build. It included the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place. God gave very detailed instructions on what the Israelites were to put in the Tabernacle. The items God used almost 1,500 years before Jesus was born would point the people to Jesus. This is what we talked about. The showbread pointed to Jesus, the bread of life; the golden lampstand pointed to Jesus, the light of the world; the garments for the High Priest pointed to Jesus, our perfect High Priest; the mercy seat of God pointed to Jesus, the one who shows us God's mercy through His life, death, and Resurrection; and the bronze laver pointed to Jesus, the one who cleanses us from all sin.

The sacrifices of animals in Old Testament times had to be made over and over again because they only covered people's sin and did not take the sins away. Those sacrifices reminded the people of their sinfulness, their need for forgiveness, and their need for a Savior. They were like a shadow giving a picture of what Christ would do when He came. Because Christ was perfect—without any sin—the sacrifice He made only needed to be made one time. His sacrifice was able to finally remove the sins of all those who believe in Him. The imperfect sacrifices made in the Tabernacle that had to be made daily pointed to the one who would one day make the perfect sacrifice—Jesus Christ.

#### GOD'S WORD IN THE REAL WORLD

Many people don't want to believe in the God of the Old Testament. They think He is mean and not fair. A lot of people don't like the idea of all of those animals being sacrificed over and over, day after day. Because they don't understand God, they say that it can't be true because God would never do that. What these people don't understand is that God is the same today as He was way back then when He told the Israelites to sacrifice the animals.

He demanded the sacrifice because of their sin. You see, God is holy and He hates sin—all sin. In fact, God was being merciful to the people by demanding animal sacrifices. He could have just destroyed all of them for their sin right then and there. He would have been perfectly just to do that. But instead He gave them a foreshadowing, a symbol, or a sign of who was to come. God already knew that in His mercy and grace, He would send the only one who could offer a sacrifice for sin—Jesus Christ. Jesus was perfect; He was without sin. And because of His perfection, His sacrifice was enough to provide forgiveness and eternal life to everyone who would believe in Him. God's plan of redemption is perfect. And God is perfect in all He does—even if it doesn't look right or fair to us.

➤ Pass out the Student Take Home Sheets and remind the children to practice the memory verse this week.



#### **MEMORY VERSE**

**Exodus 20:1–5a** God spoke all these words, saying: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them."



## **GROUP PRAYER TIME**

Be sure to pray with your class before you dismiss them.

- Thank the Lord for the Old Testament that points to Jesus Christ.
- Thank God for the only one whose sacrifice is good enough to take away the sins of everyone who believes in Him.