HOOK

Choose 1 activity just to break the ice. Get the kids to sit quietly and attentively and give clear, short explanation about the game. Keep the whole hook simple and short.

CALLING THE ANIMALS

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If you have a Noah's Ark toy, get the kids to each hold one of the animals. And when you call out an animal, the kids holding the right animal should come forward to put them into the ark.

DREN'S

IURCH



ANIMAL CHARADES

Have the children take turns acting like different animals and having the rest of the children guess which animal they are.

ANIMAL ACTIONS

Choose a few animals and give distinctive actions to each. Eg. Elephant \rightarrow trunk The leader will shout out the names of the animals and the kids must do the appropriate action. The leader will call out the animal names with increasing speed. Those who do the wrong action have to sit down.

MEMORY GAME

First child says "Noah took a ____on the ark." (animal name goes in the blank) Second child repeats what the first said and adds their own animal. "Noah took a ____, and a ____ on the ark." Each child must remember what has been said and add their own animal.

FIND YOUR PAIR

Print the names of animals on a piece of paper, two times. Cut the paper apart and have each child draw a name. Make sure that each name is in the bag twice and they are all chosen. The children must act out their animal (without any sound) to find their "pair."

LESSON (Gen 6-8)

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STORY

Tell the story of Noah's Ark (Gen 6-8). You may want to sing out different parts of the story with simple actions for class participation.

DREN'S

CHURCH

God made the earth, and God made man, and He saw that His creation was good.

But when sin entered the world, and fallen angels corrupted the human race, man's heart was full of evil. The world became full of violence. And God was very sad. To save the beautiful world He created, He had to clear it all.

But one man found favour with God. His name was Noah. Noah was a righteous man. He followed God's ways. He had three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth.

God told Noah that He was going to clear the earth with a great big flood. He gave Noah a special task, with specific instructions on how to build an ark that will keep Noah, his family, and two of all living creatures safe.

The ark would have one door and only a one-and-a-half foot opening at the top, under the roof.

"Everything on earth will perish. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you."

Even though it was pretty crazy, Noah did everything just as God commanded him. He brought all the animals into the ark. [Song: Do you see the Animals]

And the rain came, and the floods covered the earth. Everyone and everything on land died, but Noah, his family, and everything inside ark was safe and sound. [Song: The Ark Rocks]



Do you see the Animals

To the tune of "Muffin Man"

Oh do you see the animals The animals, the animals Do you see the animals Marching off the ark

God saved all the animals The animals, the animals God saved all the animals Saved them from the flood

The Ark Rocks

To the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell"

The ark rocks back and forth The ark rocks back and forth The wind blows hard The rain comes down The ark rocks back and forth

For 40 days, the rain came down and the floods went up. And the waters flooded the earth for 150 days.

CHILDREN'S

CHURCH

Then God sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded and receded and receded, and the ark rested on the top of Mount Ararat.

After 40 days, Noah sent a raven out to check if there was land yet. The raven kept flying back and forth. Then he sent a dove, but the dove returned because it couldn't find anywhere to perch. After seven more days, Noah sent the dove out again, and the dove returned with a freshly plucked olive leaf in the evening.

[Song: Noah sent the Dove]

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After another seven days, Noah sent the dove out one more time, and this time, it did not return.

So Noah and his family and all the animals came out of the ark, and gave thanks to God for protecting them.

And God promised that He will never again destroy earth because of man, no matter how evil they were. And as a promise, He set His bow in the sky. So that every time we see this bow (or rainbow), we remember God's promise. [Song: God made a Rainbow]

Noah sent the Dove

To the tune of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"

Noah sent the dove outside of the ark to find dry land. It flew all around and then, It brought back an olive branch This meant that the storm was done God saved Noah from the flood

God made a Rainbow

To the tune of "Jesus Loves Me"

When a rainbow's in the sky Then we know it's dry outside Rainbow tells us of God's promise That He loves us always

God made a rainbow God made a rainbow God made a rainbow And put it over the ark

Yes, Jesus loves me Yes, Jesus loves me Yes, Jesus loves me The rainbow tells me so

Adapted from

<u>http://cdn.www.ministry-to-</u> <u>children.com/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/2009/12/Noah-And-</u> <u>The-Flood-Songs.pdf</u>

LESSON

Redeemer

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The Ark is a picture of Jesus.

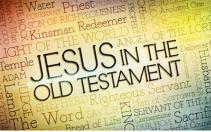
Salvation is found only in Jesus. When everything else outside is dying or destroyed, those who are in Jesus are safe in Him. We can all find salvation in Jesus if we choose to enter into a relationship with Him.

John 10:9 *I* am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

The rainbow reminds us of God's love and promise.

God made a covenant He will not "be angry" or "rebuke" us again. He will no longer destroy the earth no matter how evil man was. Instead, God put the punishment of sin on Jesus.

When a warrior returns from war, he hangs up his bow (same shape as the rainbow). The hung-up bow tells us that the war is over! All the arrows of God's judgment fell on Christ on the cross. Because of Jesus took all the punishment of sin for us with His finished work on the cross, we can now enjoy God's unfailing love and unending peace.

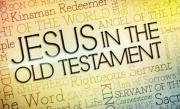


ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

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HUDDLE TIME

In smaller groups, get the kids to share about what it means to be safe in Jesus and help those who want to invite Him in to their hearts. Pray and bless each child.



SHADOWS OF JESUS IN ABRAHAM'S RAM

HOOK

SONG

Jesus, Lamb of God <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5M3C84dHxc</u>

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LITTLE LAMB

Have the young kids sit in a circle and pass a little lamb (soft toy or pix) around as you play "Mary had a little lamb" song. When the music stops, the kid with the toy has to do something (e.g. sing a song, hop on a foot, pat their head etc).

Transition into the story of Abraham's ram (which is essentially a lamb that grew up really big).

SWITCHING SIDES

Split the class into 2 sides of the room (or a line on the floor). It doesn't matter which side anyone starts on. You will say "Switch sides if...", and kids have to switch sides if the statement applies to them. Some statements have a follow up question that requires the kids to talk to each other.

e.g. Switch sides if ... You like to cook You have a pet (tell someone what kind of pet) You have 2 or more siblings You prefer dogs over cats You were born in Malaysia (if you didn't switch sides, tell someone where you were born) You have ridden a horse You prefer chocolate more than sweets You prefer morning more than night You like to sing You have won a race or sporting competition You prefer mountains more than beach You prefer books more than movies You play an instrument (tell someone what instrument you play) You have traveled out of the country (tell someone where)

Transition into how Jesus came to switch places with us.

SHADOWS OF JESUS IN ABRAHAM'S RAM

LESSON (Gen 22:1-19)

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STORY

Tell the story of God telling Abraham to sacrifice Isaac from Genesis 22:1-19. You may want to get one kid to act as Isaac and another as the ram.

DREN'S

CHURCH

Abraham was a friend of God.

Remember all the promises God promised Him? One of them was that God promised Abraham as many children as the stars. And though Abraham had no children for many, many years, God finally gave him a son, Isaac.

One day, God told Abraham, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love ... Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering."

Abraham waited so long for his son. And now he had one, God was asking him to sacrifice him?

Abraham couldn't understand; but he knew God, he knew God loved Him, and he trusted God.

So the next morning, Abraham took his son Isaac and set off to the place where God told him to go. He carried the fire and knife, and put the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac's back.

As they walked up the hill, Isaac asked his father, "The fire and wood are here, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

Abraham answered, "God will provide the lamb."

When they reached, Abraham then built an alter and arranged wood on it. Then he bound Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.

How do you think Isaac felt? He definitely couldn't understand! But he knew his father, he knew his father loved Him, and he trusted his father.

As Abraham reached out his hand raised the knife high, suddenly the angel of the Lord called out, "Abraham! Abraham! Stop! Don't hurt the boy. I want him to live and not die. I know now that you love me because you would have given me your only son."

Abraham must have been so relieved. He looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. He took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son, and called that place, "The Lord will Provide."

God then blessed Abraham again, "Because you obeyed me, even when I asked you to do a hard thing, I will richly bless you. From you will become a great nation, and all people on earth will ask you to be blessed the way I have blessed you, all because you obeyed my command."

LESSON

Abraham trusted God

Abraham knew that God loved him soooo much, He would never do anything to hurt him.

CHILDREN'S

CHURCH

God promised him a son, and God provided.

When God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son, Abraham trusted that God would provide a way out.

SHADOWS OF JESUS IN

ABRAHAM'S RAM

Hebrews 11:17-19 tells us, "By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death."

We can trust God!

Jesus is the Lamb

From this story, we see God's heart and a shadow of His redemption plan.

All of us have done bad things, sin. The result of sin is death. But God wants His people to live, not die. God loves us so much that He had a plan on how to save us.

With Abraham and the ram, God revealed a picture of what He would do, the sacrifice He would make, to show us how much He loves us.

One day, God took His son, His only son, Jesus, whom He loves, and sacrificed Him as a burnt offering.

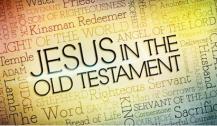
He put the cross on His back and made Him walk up the hill.

Like the ram caught in the thorny bush, Jesus had a crown of thorns pressed on His brow as He took the punishment for our sin.

As John the Baptist said in **John 1:29**, Jesus is "... the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

God provided Jesus, the Lamb of God. Jehovah Jireh! The Lord will provide!

Let's pray: Thank you Jesus that You took our place as the sacrificial lamb. You took all our sins and sicknesses on the cross, You paid for them with your blood, and You defeated death when You rose 3 days later. Thank you that we have life and blessings because of You. Amen!"



SHADOWS OF JESUS IN ABRAHAM'S RAM

ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

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CHILDREN'S

CHURCH

HUDDLE TIME

In smaller groups, get the kids to share about what it means to have Jesus take our place and our punishment of sin. Pray and bless each child.

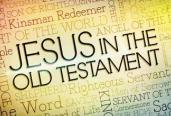
CRAFT

Any sheep related craft with the words "God provided the Lamb" or "Jesus is the Lamb who took away the sin of the world" or "Jehovah Jireh! The Lord will provide!"









HOOK

Priest

VIDEO CLIP:

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGVsptoMsKE

This movie is about a wannabe-scientist, Flint, who invents a machine that transforms water into food. When he first turned on the machine, it caused a massive power overload and massive damage. But before he knew it, it started raining cheeseburgers! And later, lollipops and ice cream and everything yummy.

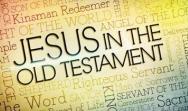
In the clip, the weather girl said "this is totally manna from heaven".

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CHILDREN'S

CHURCH

Well, when God rained manna to feed the Israelites as they were wandering in the desert for 40 years, it was not as dramatic as the food machine spewing out all sorts of delicacies, but no less miraculous.



LESSON (Exodus 16)

STORY

Tell the story of God providing manna from heaven as found in Genesis 16. You may want to use cotton wool or small grains such as barley etc as a prop or story aid.

DREN'S

CHURCH

The Israelites were slaves in Egypt until God sent Moses to lead them out in an amazing way.

You would have thought they'd be full of enthusiasm and excitement after seeing the sea parting before them and swallowing up the whole Egyptian army.

But it was not long after that they started complaining. "We have no food here! We should have died in Egypt instead of starving to death here!" (Do we complain a lot sometimes?)

But God is gracious. Instead of scolding them, He sent them meat from heaven! He sent quails that evening, and the Israelites ate and ate and ate until they were sick of them!

Then in the morning, there was a layer of dew all over the ground. And when the dew lifted, there was a small round frost-like substance. "What is it?"

They called this strange substance "Manna". Manna is a heavenly bread that appeared on the ground every morning. It was like white coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey.

Moses gave these instructions from God: Gather what you need from the ground, but NO leftovers. But on the 6th day, gather 2 days' portions because there will not be any manna on the 7th day (Sabbath).

So the people gathered what they needed, and everyone had just enough; not too much, not too little. But being the stubborn people they were, they disobeyed and kept some leftovers for themselves ... and in the morning, the overnight manna was full of worms and smelled really bad.

Except on the 7th day. The overnight manna did not have worms nor stink. And there was no fresh manna in the morning.

And this miracle manna fell every day (except the 7th day) for 40 years and fed the Israelites until they entered the Promised Land!



LESSON

Why Manna?

This was a special food that mysteriously appeared every morning on its own, 6 days a week. The Israelites didn't have to do anything to get the manna — they didn't have to plant or toil or harvest ... it just appeared and they could enjoy it freely. This taught them to depend and trust in God to provide for them.

It was enough to sustain the Israelites for 40 years in the desert ... special energy pack? It was a good daily reminder to the Israelites that the Lord who brought them out of Egypt was with them every single step of the way.

Jesus is our Manna

This manna was God's way of showing us what Jesus—the true bread from heaven—will be like.

Thousands of years later, when Jesus was feeding the 5,000, he brought up the time the Israelites' ancestors ate manna (bread from heaven) in the wilderness.

John 6:31-33 "Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <u>For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."</u>

Then Jesus said many times, "I am the Bread of life from Heaven." (John 6:31)

Later Jesus explained, "This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world ... I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you". (John 6:51-53)

How is Jesus our Manna?

Our relationship with Him is based on His grace — like the Manna, we don't have to plant or toil or harvest to earn it — we just receive freely, as much as we need

Jesus is enough — He is all we need — just like how the Manna sustained the Israelites for 40 years! We just need to depend and trust on Him.

Memory Verse

John 6:35 "And Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.'"



ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

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CHILDREN'S

CHURCH

HUDDLE TIME

In smaller groups, get the kids to share about what it means to have Jesus as our Daily Manna. Thank Jesus for being our Bread of Life. Pray and bless each child.

GAME

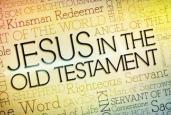
Pick the manna

Scatter small cotton balls/white punched paper and get the kids to pick it up (either as a relay race etc). Older kids can use chopsticks or spoons to pick the 'manna'.

SNACK

Make "manna"

Use small wafer biscuits and get kids to add a dab of honey and eat together. Remind kids that this is just a representation. The real manna appeared on the ground and stopped appearing after the Israelites entered the Promised Land.



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CHILDREN'S

CHURCH

SHADOWS OF JESUS IN THE STRIKEN ROCK

HOOK

Priest

HOOK:

Rock, Paper, Scissors

Get kids to play this game among each other. Best of 3. Loser sits down. Winners continue playing until there are only 2 left. Get them in front to do a Best of 5 game.

Props: Rock, Paper, Scissors

I have a real rock, paper, and scissors this morning. If you are going to write a letter, a rock or scissors wouldn't be much help, but a piece of paper would, wouldn't it? If you wanted to cut a piece of paper, a rock or paper wouldn't help, but a pair of scissors would. If you were really thirsty and needed a drink of water, a piece of paper or a pair of scissors wouldn't be much help, but a rock might be exactly what you need.

What? Some of you are looking at me like you think I'm crazy! Don't you think a rock would help you if you needed a drink of water? Well, in our Bible story today, that is exactly what happened. Our Bible story today is called, "Water from the Rock."



SHADOWS OF JESUS IN THE STRIKEN ROCK

LESSON (Exodus 17:1-7)

STORY

Last week we learnt that God provided miracle food for the Israelites. What did He give them? *Manna"*? *Bread from heaven; like white coriander seeds and tasted like wafers made with honey.*

You'd have thought ... after ALL the miracles God performed to bring them out of Egypt, after ALL that manna, the Israelites would know how to trust God.

But the next time they set up camp, the grumbling started again.

DREN'S

CHURCH

This time it was, "WE HAVE NO WATER! WE ARE GOING TO DIE! WHY DID YOU BRING US OUT HERE TO DIE OF THIRST? WHERE IS GOD? IS HE WITH US OR NOT?!"

Moses went to God. "What shall I do? These people are going to stone me to death!"

God told Moses: "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink."



And Moses did as God told him to. And the people had water to drink.

LESSON

We've been learning that we can see Jesus in the whole Bible. He's not just a New Testament person. Jesus is God, and part of His salvation plan for the whole world.

And in the Old Testament, through God's interactions with the Israelites, He would leave them clues to show them what He was going to do.

Jesus is the Ark that saves us from judgment and death. Jesus is the Ram, the Lamb that was sacrificed on our behalf. Jesus is the Bread from Heaven. And today, we see Jesus as the Rock!

SHADOWS OF JESUS IN THE STRIKEN ROCK

Jesus is the Rock

1 Corinthians 10:4 *"for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ."*

DREN'S

URCH

We know Jesus is the Rock we can rest and depend on. The One we can build our house on that will stand firm in the storm. Jesus is our Firm Foundation.

But Jesus is not just that type of Rock for us. He is the Rock that was struck by a road and gave out lifegiving water.

When Moses struck the rock with his staff, it was a picture of Jesus struck and crucified for us. When we believe that He died in our place and bore your sins on that Cross, He will save you.

The Rock is a picture of Christ crucified.

We have the Holy Spirit

When Jesus died and rose again, and went back to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to come and live in all of us forever. The Holy Spirit is the stream of living water that flows in all who believes in Jesus. Jesus makes us righteous so the Holy Spirit (the living water) can live in us forever!

John 7:37 "... Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

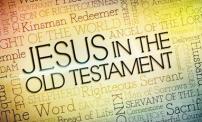
It is Finished (for older kids)

In Numbers, we are told a second time that the children of Israel complained that they had no water. The first time Israel murmured about being thirsty, God told Moses to strike the rock and water gushed forth. In Numbers, however, God gave Moses different instructions.

God told Moses: "Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink." (Numbers 20:8).

Moses didn't have to hit the rock with a stick anymore. He just had to speak to the rock because the rock had already been struck before.

Christ was crucified two thousand years ago, and when He said on the Cross, *"It is finished ..."* (John 19:30), it was indeed finished. Christ does not have to be crucified again. God is satisfied with what Jesus did for you. We just have to believe and declare it, and His life-giving Spirit, and all His blessings, will flow in us.



SHADOWS OF JESUS IN THE STRIKEN ROCK

ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

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CHILDREN'S

CHURCH

HUDDLE TIME

In smaller groups, get the kids to share their praise and prayer points. Thank Jesus for being our Rock. Pray and bless each child.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

John 7:37 ... Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

CRAFT

Related Craft with Memory Verse (John 7:37)

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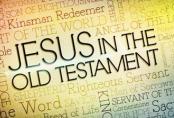
GAME

Rock Piñata

Prepare a simple rock-shaped piñata — fill a plastic bag with sweets and wrap with some large brown paper. Blindfold a kid and let him try to hit the balloon with a rolled-up paper stick. Gradually the "rock" will break and the sweets will come out.

Variation #1: Kids have to memorise the memory verse (or simplified version). Those who can memorise it will be given a chance to hit the piñata.

Variation #2: Kids have to say the memory verse while hitting the piñata.



SHADOWS OF JESUS IN THE TOWER OF THEBEZ

HOOK

HOOK:

Tower Relay

Get kids to come up one by one to place building blocks on top of each other to build a tower.

You can make it a little more competitive by pitting two groups against each other.

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CHILDREN'S

CHURCH

For older kids, you may want to use Uno Stacko/Jenga, where they have to take turns removing a piece from below and placing it on the top without the tower falling.





SHADOWS OF JESUS IN THE TOWER OF THEBEZ

LESSON (Judges 9)

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Suggested Props: Create a tower out of a large cardboard box or stack chairs to create a "tower". Kids can take turns to go in it, or they can huddle inside while you tell the story, or it can be a good visual aid as you teach.

CHILDREN'S

CHURCH

STORY

This is a little known story about a wicked king, called Abimelek, the son of Gideon, a judge of Israel.

He wanted to be king so badly, that he killed his 70 brothers (except the youngest who went into hiding).

After Abimelek was king for a few years, the people of Shechem began to revolt against him. There was war, and many people were killed.

Abimelek attacked a city called Thebez and captured it. Inside the city, however, there was a strong tower. And all the people of the city ran to the tower and locked themselves in it.

Abimelek went to the tower and attacked it. But as he approached and tried to set the tower on fire, a woman on top of the tower dropped a millstone on his head and crack his skull.

(Abimelek asked his armour-bearer to kill him with his sword because he didn't want it to be known that a woman had defeated him. But it's recorded in the Bible, so we all know now!)

When the Israelites saw that Abimelek was dead, they all went home.





LESSON

Kinsman Redeemer

Proverbs 18:10 tells us that "The <u>name of the Lord</u> is a **fortified tower**; the <u>righteous</u> run to it and are <u>safe</u>."

The Name of the Lord

IS IN THE

Our trust is not in ourselves, or our own name, but in God — everything that He is and is true of Him. Unlike the tower of Thebez, which eventually crumbles, the name of the Lord endures forever.

Righteous in Jesus

The righteous run to the tower and are safe. Who are the righteous? We are! Because Jesus, who knew no Sin became sin for us, so that *"we may be the righteousness of God in Him."* (2 Cor 5:21)

Safety in the Tower

Jesus is our Refuge, our strong tower from the enemy (Psalm 61:3).

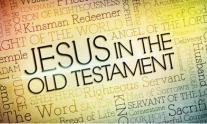
He lifts us high above the troubles, and we can look down confidently.

CHILDREN'S

CHURCH

Just as in Psalm 23, He prepares and provides for us in the presence of our enemies. When Jesus is with us, we can rest and enjoy even in the midst of danger.

Let's declare it together again: "The <u>name of the Lord</u> is a **fortified tower**; the <u>righteous</u> run to it and are <u>safe</u>." "The <u>name of the Lord</u> is a **fortified tower**; <u>WE</u> run to it and are <u>safe</u>."



SHADOWS OF JESUS IN THE TOWER OF THEBEZ

ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

TNCC

CHILDREN'S

CHURCH

HUDDLE TIME

In smaller groups, get the kids to share their praise and prayer points. Thank Jesus for being our Strong Tower. Pray and bless each child.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

Proverbs 18:10 "The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe."

CRAFT

Tower Craft

with "Jesus is my Strong Tower" or Memory Verse: Proverbs 18:10



SONGS

Refuge https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9BbT90NrXg

Blessed be the Name of the Lord

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= S-KvvTkuOc

Ideas for actions:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3a4WAspZkc

JESUSINTHE OLD TESTAMENT

SHADOWS OF JESUS IN THE YOUNG RED HEIFER

HOOK

WASHING UP

Prepare a towel, toothbrush, comb and some "ashes" (grey-coloured powder/sand/make-up/chalk) in a clearly labelled box "ASHES".

Walk in with towel over shoulder (you may want to wear your PJs).

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CHILDREN'S

CHURCH

"Good morning kids! I'm so sorry, I overslept today. I just woke up and rushed over as soon as I could. I haven't had time to wash up yet, so I hope you don't mind if I get ready here."

Act out morning washing rituals, e.g. brush teeth, comb hair.

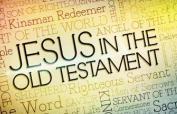
Then take the "ashes" and use it like soap. Pretty not to notice/mind that your whole face/arms are grey.

"What's so funny kids? Oh, I'm using ashes to wash my face. Is that odd? Ashes are what you get when you burn something to bits — all that's left are ashes! It's not usually something you use to clean yourself, right? I mean, we don't go to BBQ charcoal pit and start washing up with the dust there.

But do you know, there is a sacrifice in the Bible where the animal is burnt completely, and its ashes are used to purify sin.

This animal is very special, and very rare. It's called a Red Heifer."

Let's learn more about it today.



SHADOWS OF JESUS IN THE YOUNG RED HEIFER

LESSON (Numbers 19)

HEIFER

A heifer is a young female cow, probably no more than two years old, that has never had a calf before.

Under the Old Testament sacrificial system, God used animal sacrifices as a substitute for the Israelite's sins. Instead of the Israelites dying to pay for their sins, the animals took their place.

In this sacrifice, God told Moses to get a heifer, but not just any heifer.

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This heifer had to be **red** in colour (do you know what colour cows normally are? So it's quite rare to get a reddish coloured cow).

It couldn't have any blemish or defect — **perfect** in every way.

It has never had a yoke on it — never worked in the field.

SACRIFICE

The heifer will be given to the priest, and unlike all the other animal sacrifices, it will not be killed in the tabernacle.

Instead, it will be taken **outside the camp** and slaughtered there.

The priest will **sprinkle** some of the blood seven times in front of the tabernacle.

Then the heifer will be **burned completely** — its skin, flesh, blood and intestines.

Later, its ashes — all that is left — will be gathered up and stored. This ash will be used for the **purifying** from sin for all the children of Israel and even the foreigners who live with them.

JESUS IS THE YOUNG RED HEIFER

Now that we are under the New Covenant, why do we read the Old Testament? Because the Old Testament is like a mystery book, a love story where God hides little clues to tell the Israelites how much He loves them, and how He will give them the biggest sacrifice of all so that they can be with Him forever.

The young red heifer gives us a picture of Jesus:

- Red: a picture of His blood
- Perfect: like the red heifer without blemish or defect or yoke, Jesus was without any sin

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He was crucified **outside of Jerusalem** — unclean things are done outside of the camp. Jesus, perfect in every way, became sin and curse for us, and He had to be crucified outside the camp. "And so Jesus also suffered <u>outside the city gate</u> to make the people holy through his own blood" (Hebrews 13:11-12).

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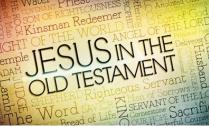
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- **Completely:** Jesus offered Himself totally and completely for us, suffering the judgments of hell so that we do not need to
- For all: Jesus' sacrifice was for everyone, the Jews and the Gentiles (you and me)
 "For by one sacrifice <u>he has made perfect forever</u> those who are being made holy." (Hebrews 10:14)

Let's declare it together again:

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"For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy." (Hebrews 10:14) "For by Jesus' sacrifice, Jesus has made perfect forever all of us \who are being made holy."



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ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

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CHURCH

HUDDLE TIME

In smaller groups, get the kids to share their praise and prayer points. Thank Jesus for being our ultimate sacrifice. Pray and bless each child.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

Hebrews 10:14 "For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy."

GAME

Pin the tail on the Red Heifer

