

Day of Atonement, all the children of Israel gathered around the tabernacle. They could not go in, as we go into our churches. Only the priests were allowed to go in to the tabernacle, and into the Holy of Holies the high priest alone was permitted to go, and he but once a year, on the Day of Atonement. God wished to teach Israel by means of an object lesson (as all the sacrifices and ceremonies really were) that

SIN $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{FORGIVEN} \\ \text{TAKEN AWAY} \end{array} \right.$ by the death of $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{SOME} \\ \text{ONE} \end{array} \right.$
 God told Aaron the high priest to take two kids of the goats for a sin offering. These were taken to the door of the tabernacle, and lots were cast. The kid chosen for a sin offering was killed (see Exposition), and the blood was sprinkled upon the altar (the animal in the place of the sinner), showing that there had been death for sin, and the people knew that their sins were forgiven and they were again friends ("at one") with God.

The other kid was taken as a scapegoat. Did you ever hear any one say, "Oh, yes, he is the scapegoat of the family. All the bad things are blamed on him"? After Aaron had offered the sin offering, he came and stood where all the people could see him, and, laying his hand upon the scapegoat's head,

confessed all the sins of the people, putting them upon the head of the goat; and then the goat was sent away into the wilderness (carrying the sins with him), never to be seen nor heard of any more.

Jesus our Saviour—

JESUS has $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{DIED} \\ \text{TAKEN UPON HIMSELF} \\ \text{CARRIED AWAY} \end{array} \right.$ OUR SINS

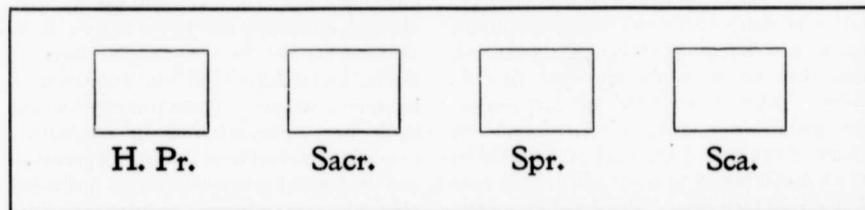
Golden Text—Repeat Golden Text.

Coming to Jesus—"Mother, our teacher told us at Sunday School that we must come to Jesus, if we want Him to save us and take our sins upon Himself; but how can I come to Him, when I cannot see Him?" "Did you not ask me to get you a drink of water last night?" asked the mother. "Yes, mother." "Did you see me, when you asked me?" "No, but I knew you would hear me", said the little girl. "Well, dear, that is the way to come to Jesus. We cannot see Him, but we know that He is near us and hears every word, and will do for us all we need."

*Something to Think About—*God will take away my sins.

God gave the children of Israel A SCAPEGOAT to take away their sins.	God gives us JESUS to take away our sins.
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FROM THE PLATFORM



This is a picture lesson. Draw on the blackboard a square to represent the first picture, and under it write H. Pr. (for High Priest). Leaving other points aside, bring out, by questioning, the fact that on the Day of Atonement he went alone into the Tabernacle, and that this day came but once a year. So Jesus is our only Saviour, and He saves us once for all. Let the second picture be the Sacrifices (Sacr.). Question as to what they were, and be sure the scholars' minds are turned to the great Sacrifice of Calvary. The third picture is, Sprinkling (Spr.). The scholars will be ready to tell you where the High Priest sprinkled the blood. Singing v. 1 of Hymn 52 will bring home the love shown in the shedding of Jesus' blood. The Scapegoat (Sca.) is the fourth picture. It will be easy to bring out the story of its being sent away into the wilderness, with Israel's sin on its head. There cannot be a better close than singing v. 10 of Ps. Sel. 76.