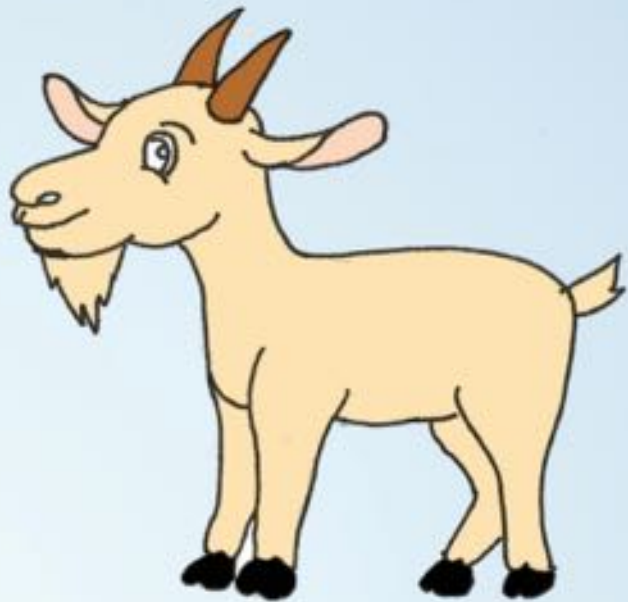


NOAH'S

DAY OF ATONEMENT





THE DAY OF ATONEMENT WAS APPROACHING, AND THE HIGH PRIEST DECIDED TO TAKE THIS TIME TO TELL HIS SON ABOUT THE TRADITIONS OF THAT DAY.

NOW NOAH, WE NEED TO TALK. TOMORROW IS THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

I'VE HAD SUCH A GREAT DAY TODAY PLAYING WITH MY GOAT. I TAUGHT BEN HOW TO JUMP

TOGETHER THEY PICKED OUT THE ANIMALS FOR THE DAY OF ATONEMENT, BUT THE ENTIRE TIME NOAH SEEMED UPSET.



TOGETHER THEY HAD TO CHOOSE A BULL, TWO RAMS, AND TWO GOATS FROM THE COMMUNITY.

NOAH DON'T WORRY, GOD WILL HELP US CHOOSE WHICH ONE.



BUT PAPA I DON'T WANT TO SACRIFICE MY ANIMALS! I LOVE THEM AND I WILL BE SAD TO LOSE ONE.



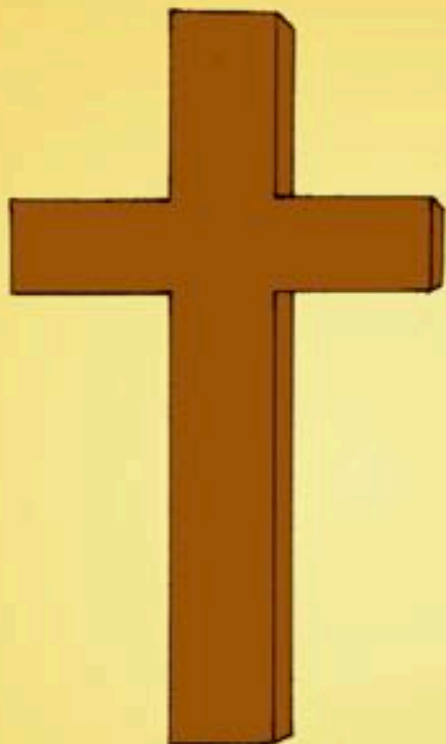
THEY THEN CHOOSE TWO GOATS TO CAST LOTS OVER AND PRAY TO GOD TO MAKE THE DECISION FOR THEM.



THEN BEN WILL BE THE ONE THAT IS CHOSEN.

BUT WHAT IF BEN GETS THE LITTLE STRAW?

NOAH AND HIS FATHER NEEDED TO PICK THE BEST ONE BECAUSE IT WOULD REPRESENT THE SON OF GOD THAT WILL ONE DAY COME DOWN TO SACRIFICE HIMSELF FOR EVERYONE'S SINS.

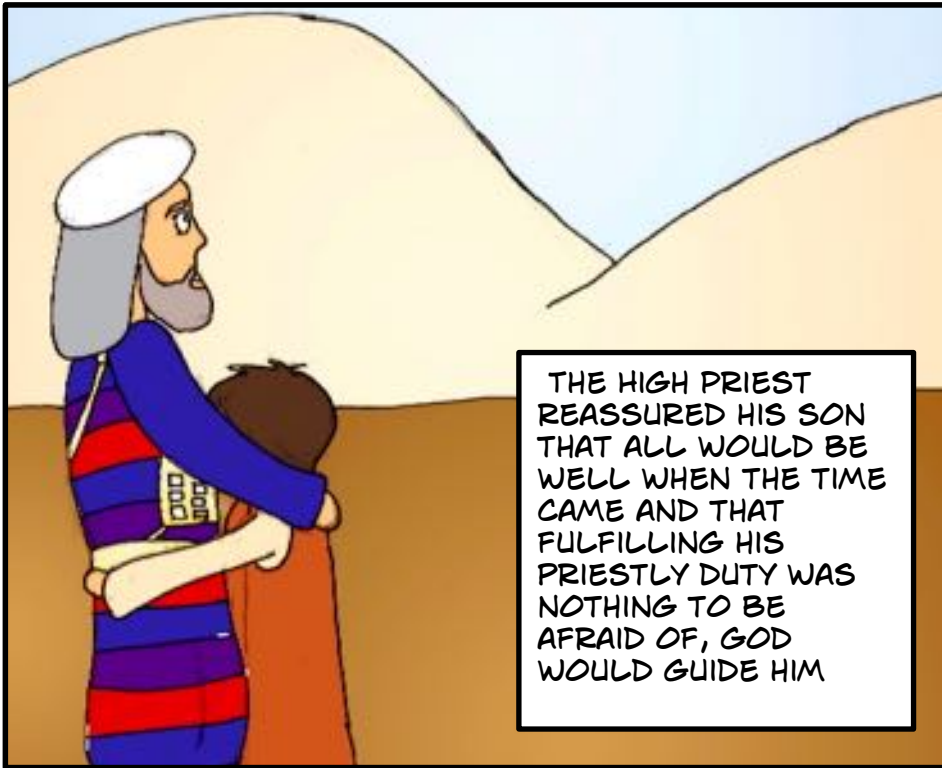


NOAH IMAGINES HIMSELF AS THE HIGH PRIEST, AND HIS FATHER BEING AN OLD MAN

SON, ONE DAY WHEN I'M TOO OLD TO CONTINUE BEING HIGH PRIEST IT WILL BE YOUR JOB. SO YOU MUST KNOW AND BE PREPARED FOR WHAT IS DONE ON THIS SPECIAL DAY.

BUT PAPA I'M SCARED! WHAT IF I MESS UP?





THE HIGH PRIEST REASSURED HIS SON THAT ALL WOULD BE WELL WHEN THE TIME CAME AND THAT FULFILLING HIS PRIESTLY DUTY WAS NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF, GOD WOULD GUIDE HIM



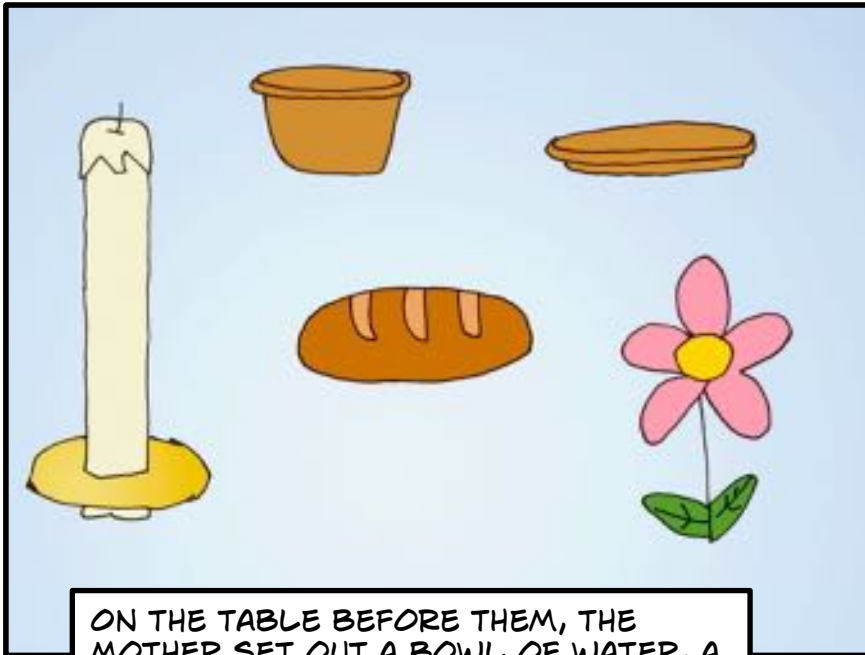
AND SO THE HIGH PRIEST TOOK HIS SON BY THE HAND AND THEY WALKED TOWARDS THEIR HOUSE.



THEY ENTERED AND SAW NOAH'S MOTHER AND REQUESTED A FEW ITEMS. SHE SET THEM DOWN ON THE TABLE IN FRONT OF THEM.



HE GOT WHITE LINEN AND PLACED IT ON HIS SON WITH A HOLE FOR HIS HEAD AND HIS ARMS. HE GRABBED A WHITE SCARF AND WRAPPED IT ON HIS HEAD AS HIS TUNIC AND TIED A WHITE PIECE OF LINEN AROUND HIS WAIST AS THE BELT.



ON THE TABLE BEFORE THEM, THE MOTHER SET OUT A BOWL OF WATER, A PLATE, A CANDLESTICK, A SMALL LOAF OF BREAD, A BEAUTIFUL FLOWER, AND A BRIGHT COIN.

NOAH LOOKED AT THE TABLE AND WAS VERY CONFUSED.

YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO USE YOUR IMAGINATION FOR THIS.

WHAT IS ALL THIS FOR?



AND SO THE HIGH PRIEST AND NOAH WENT OUTSIDE WITH ALL SIX OF THE ITEMS. THE HIGH PRIEST GRABBED A BIG STICK AND BEGAN TO DRAW IN THE SAND A GREAT BIG RECTANGLE AND PUT A SMALLER ONE INSIDE IT. HE DREW SIX X'S IN VERY SPECIFIC SPOTS AND TOLD NOAH WHERE TO PLACE EACH OBJECT HIS MOTHER HAD GIVEN THEM.

AFTER THEY DREW IT ALL OUT, THE PRIEST TOOK HIS SON BY THE HAND AND THEY STOOD ON THE EAST SIDE WHERE THE TWO LINES DID NOT MEET.

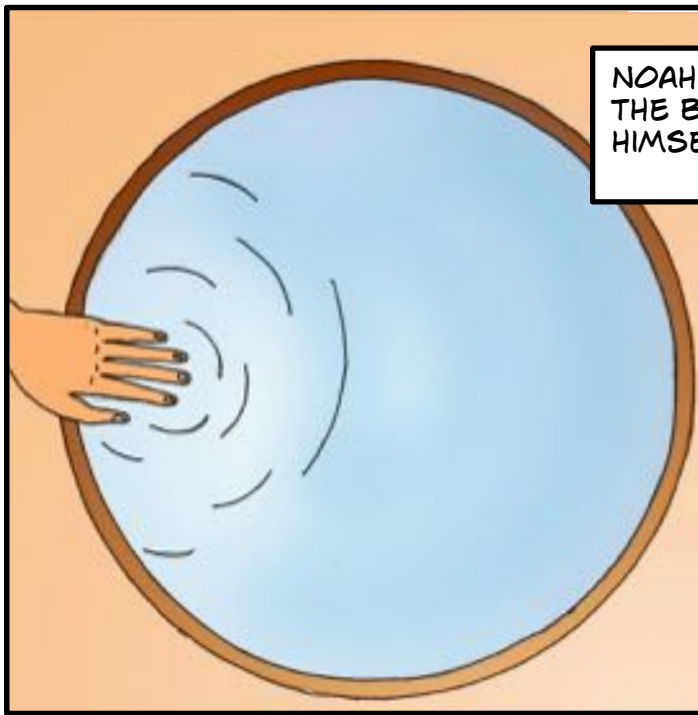
SON, THIS IS THE COLORFUL DOOR TO THE COURTYARD. IMAGINE A WHITE LINEN WALL THAT GOES ALONG THE ENTIRE OUTSIDE.

WOAH, THIS IS AMAZING!

AND NOAH IMAGINED IT WHEN HE CLOSED HIS EYES. HE SAW POSTS ONE CUBIT APART HOLDING UP WHITE LINEN WITH ROPE CROSSING OVER ON BOTH SIDES, GOING ALL AROUND THE BIGGER RECTANGLE HIS FATHER HAD DRAWN IN THE SAND. AND TOGETHER THEY STEPPED INTO THE COURTYARD OF THE SANCTUARY. EVERYTHING SEEMED SO REALISTIC, IT WAS LIKE HE WAS REALLY THERE.

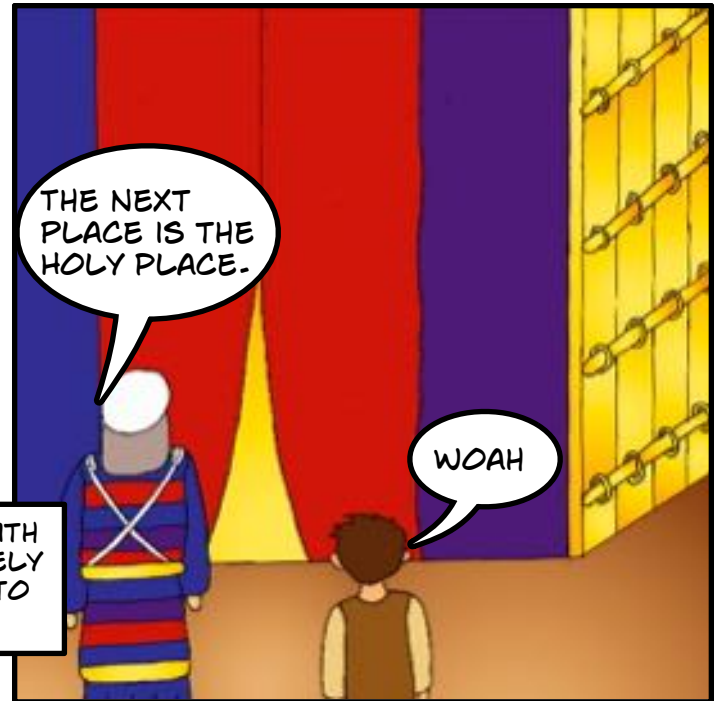
THE FIRST THING NOAH SAW IN THE COURTYARD WAS THE ALTAR OF BURNT OFFERING. HIS FATHER EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS WHERE THE ANIMALS WERE SACRIFICED AFTER TAKING ON THE SINS OF THE PEOPLE.

THE FATHER TOOK THE BOWL AND GAVE IT TO THE SON TO HOLD. HE EXPLAINED THAT IT REPRESENTS THE LAVER. HE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE LAVER WAS THE PLACE THAT THE HIGH PRIEST WOULD WASH HIS HANDS AND FEET BEFORE AND AFTER ENTERING THE HOLY PLACE. THIS WAS TO CLEANSE THE PRIEST OF ALL HIS SINS.



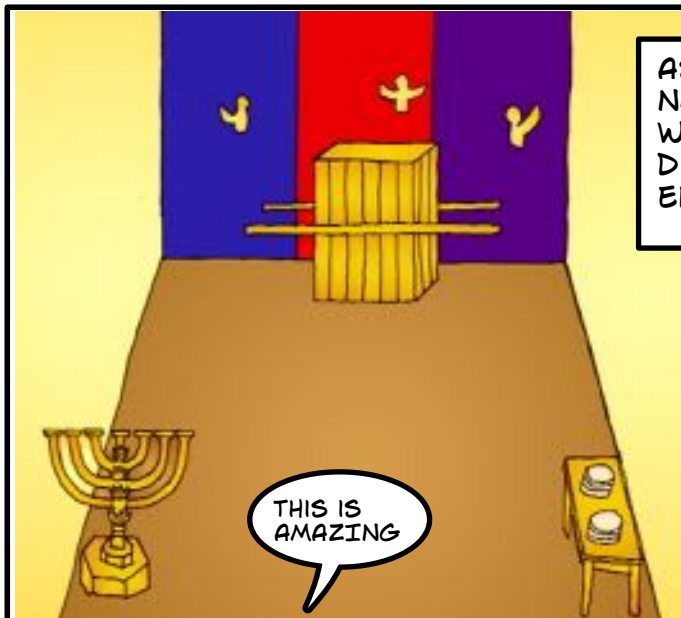
NOAH THEN DIPS HIS HANDS IN THE BOWL AND IMAGINES HIMSELF ACTUALLY CLEANING

NOAH IMAGINED THE BEAUTIFUL CURTAIN WITH SCARLET, BLUE AND PURPLE YARN ON FINELY TWISTED LINEN, THIS WAS THE ENTRANCE TO THE HOLY PLACE.



THE NEXT PLACE IS THE HOLY PLACE.

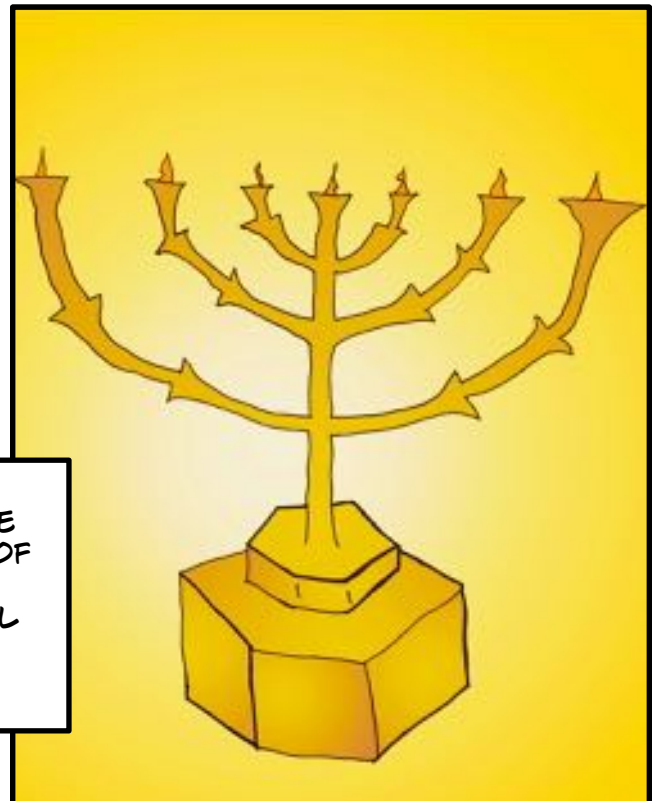
WOAH



THIS IS AMAZING

AS THEY WALKED INSIDE THE HOLY PLACE, NOAH WAS AMAZED TO SEE ALL THE SHINY WALLS AROUND HIM. HE COULD SEE ALL THE DIFFERENT PIECES OF FURNITURE, AND THE ENTRANCE TO THE MOST HOLY PLACE.

NOAH'S FATHER PICKED UP THE CANDLE AND EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS TO REPRESENT THE CANDLESTICK. THE CANDLESTICK WAS MADE OF PURE GOLD AND HAD SIX BRANCHES. IT REPRESENTS JESUS CHRIST, WHO LATER WILL COME DOWN AND BECOME THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.



NEXT THE FATHER TOOK OUT THE BREAD AND HANDED IT TO NOAH. THIS WAS MEANT TO REPRESENT THE TABLE OF SHEWBREAD. THIS WAS THE PLACE WHERE THERE WAS THE UNLEAVENED BREAD. IT ALSO REPRESENTED JESUS CHRIST WHO WAS THE BREAD OF LIFE.



THE ALTAR OF INCENSE WAS REPRESENTED BY A FLOWER. AS NOAH HAD HIS EYES CLOSED, IT FELT LIKE HE TRULY WAS STANDING IN FRONT OF IT. NOAH LEARNED ALL ABOUT HOW THE ALTAR OF INCENSE REPRESENTED HIM AND ALL HIS FRIEND'S PRAYERS GOING UP TO HEAVEN. THE NEXT THING THAT CAUGHT HIS EYE WAS THE BRIGHT COLORFUL CURTAIN THAT HAD BRIGHT GOLD ANGELS ON IT. HE INSTANTLY BECAME CURIOUS OF WHAT WAS HIDING BEHIND THE CURTAIN.

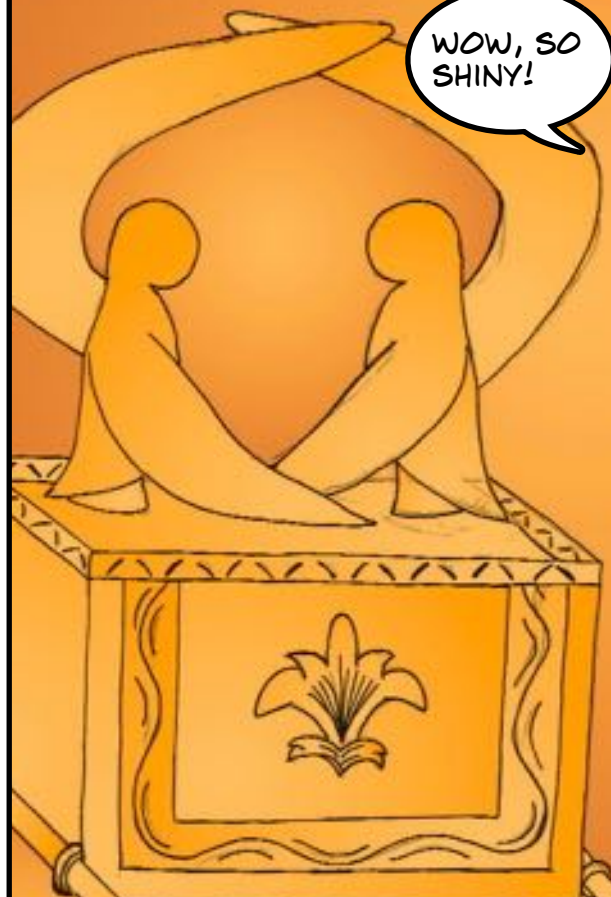
PAPA! I WANT TO GO TO THE MOST HOLY PLACE.

ONE DAY YOU WILL SON.

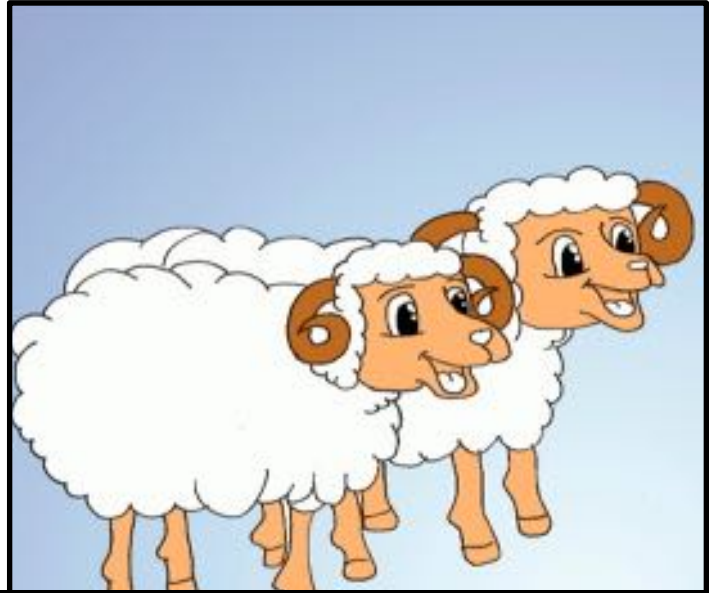
THE FATHER EXPLAINED HOW THEY HAVE COME TO THE PART IN THE SANCTUARY CALLED THE MOST HOLY PLACE. THIS IS MOST SPECIAL PLACE BECAUSE INSIDE IS WHERE THE ARK OF THE COVENANT IS KEPT.

THE FATHER THEN HANDS NOAH A COIN AND TELLS HIM THIS IS TO REPRESENT THE ARK OF THE COVENANT. THE ARK OF THE COVENANT IS WHERE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ARE KEPT. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS HAVE THE LAWS INWHICH WE LIVE OUR LIVES. THESE ARE THE MOST VALUABLE THING, AND THE MOST HOLY.

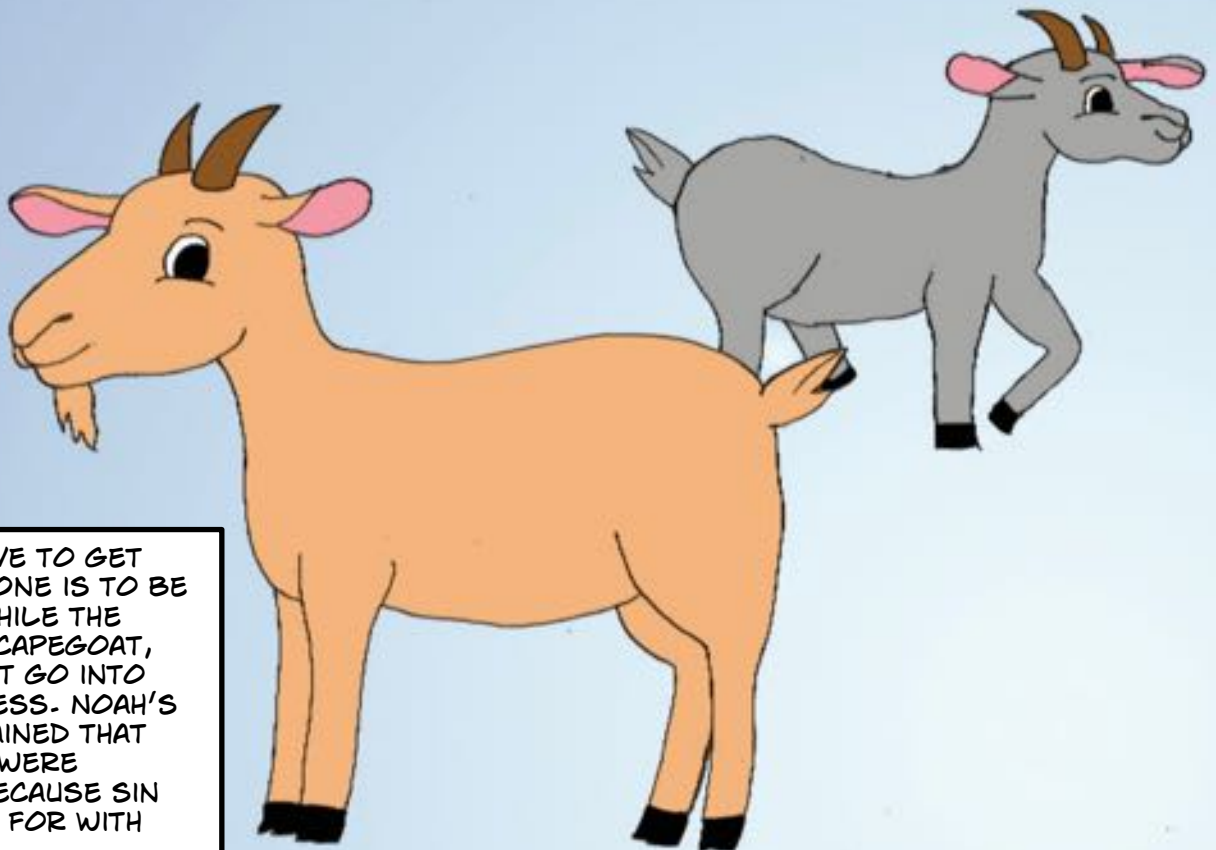
WOW, SO SHINY!



THE FATHER CONTINUED BY TALKING ABOUT THE DAY OF ATONEMENT, AND WHAT HAPPENED ON THAT DAY. STARTING OFF WITH THE SACRIFICES, THE FATHER EXPLAINED HOW THEY WERE TO FIRST GET A YOUNG BULL TO BE SACRIFICED BECAUSE IT WAS A SIN OFFERING THAT WAS TO CLEANSE NOAH, HIS FATHER, AND HIS MOTHER.

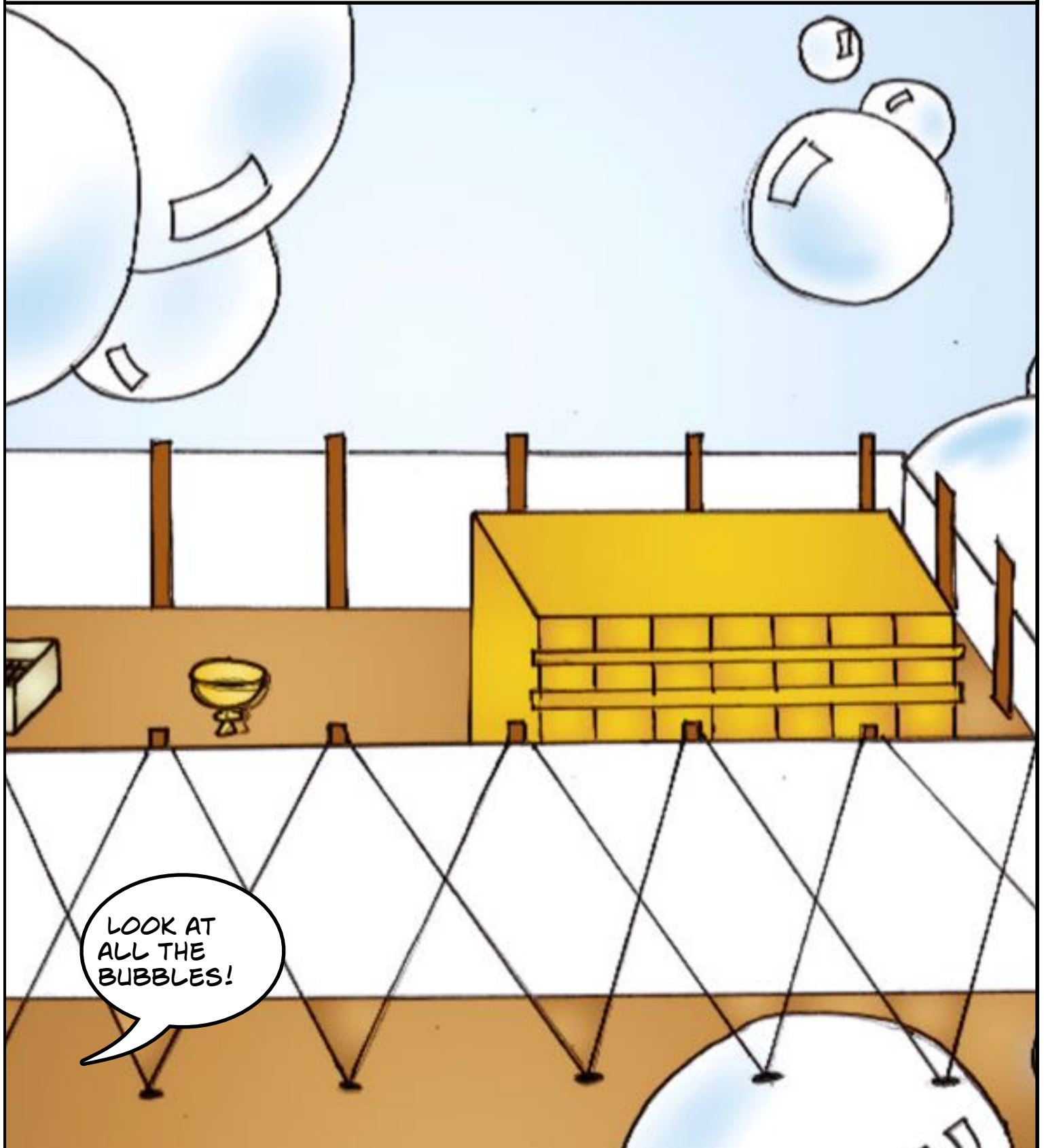


NEXT ANIMAL SACRIFICED IS THE RAM. WE SACRIFICE THIS ANIMAL AS A BURNT OFFERING TO GOD. WE THEN SACRIFICE ANOTHER RAM FOR THE SINS OF ISRAEL.



NEXT THEY HAVE TO GET TWO GOATS. ONE IS TO BE SACRIFICED WHILE THE OTHER, THE SCAPEGOAT, HAS TO BE LET GO INTO THE WILDERNESS. NOAH'S FATHER EXPLAINED THAT THE ANIMALS WERE SACRIFICED BECAUSE SIN MUST BE PAID FOR WITH DEATH.

TO FINISH OFF THEIR JOURNEY THE FATHER EXPLAINED THAT THE POINT OF THE DAY OF ATONEMENT WAS TO CLEANSE THE PEOPLE FOR ALL THEIR SINS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. AND HOW THE ONLY WAY TO DO THAT WAS BY CLEANSING THE SANCTUARY. THIS WAS DONE BY TAKING THE BLOOD OF THE ANIMALS AND SPRINKLING IT ON DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE SANCTUARY. TO THINK OF IT IN ANOTHERWAY, IT WOULD BE LIKE THE WHOLE SANCTUARY TAKING A BIG BUBBLE BATH. WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT NOAH PICTURED.



NOAH SLOWLY BEGAN TO COME OUT OF HIS MIND. HE TOOK HIMSELF OUTSIDE OF HIS IMAGINARY SANCTUARY AND ONCE AGAIN FOUND HIMSELF SITTING ON THE SAND NEXT TO HIS FATHER. ALTHOUGH THEY HADN'T GONE ANYWHERE, TO NOAH IT FELT LIKE THEY HAD WALKED UP AND DOWN THE SANCTUARY ON THE DAY OF ATONEMENT.



PAPA, I CAN'T WAIT TO BECOME THE HIGH PRIEST ONE DAY, AND BE JUST LIKE YOU!



I AM SO GLAD YOU ARE NO LONGER AFRAID TO TAKE MY PLACE AS HIGH PRIEST. PRAY FOR US SON.

DEAR LORD, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO. WE LOVE YOU. AMEN.

