

A Sacred Offering

A young boy with dark skin and short hair, wearing a light-colored sweater, holds a small white gift box with a gold ribbon bow. He is smiling and looking directly at the camera. Behind him is a large, ornate metal incense burner with a bright fire inside, and thick white smoke rises from it. The background is dark and atmospheric, with a warm light source visible on the left.

LESSON 4

Leviticus 1:3-13

get excited!



key verse

"The priest shall turn the whole into smoke on the altar as a burnt offering, an offering by fire of pleasing odor to the LORD."

Leviticus 1:9

key verse exercise:

Create an offering box. Using the choices below, what would you want to offer up to God?



Prayer



Song



Bicycle



Money



Bible



Time



read and learn!

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[Teacher's Note: Please be prepared to address the concern some children may have about animals being used for an offering. If necessary, remind children that the animals were not alive.]

God tells the Israelites about a special kind of offering called a "**burnt offering**." A perfect animal like a cow, sheep or goat was brought to the altar and the whole animal was burned. The Israelites gave their best by offering a healthy animal without any blemishes. A person would lay their hands on the animal's head, which symbolized taking responsibility for their actions and moving their sins to the animal. It was a way of showing complete devotion to God by asking God to forgive them for their sins. The Bible tells us that the burned animal created a "**sweet aroma**," which meant that God was pleased with their sacrifice.

Just as the Israelites brought their best animal to God, we can show our love and gratitude to God by offering Him our best

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in everything that we do. We can offer our best behavior at home, school and church. We should always be kind and obey those who make the rules. When we make mistakes, we can ask God and others to forgive us, just as the burnt offering was a way to ask forgiveness for sins. Let us offer a sweet aroma to God by striving to offer Him our best!

Questions

1. Why do you think God wanted the best animals for the offerings?
2. What are some ways we can give our best to God today?
3. How does giving something special make you feel?

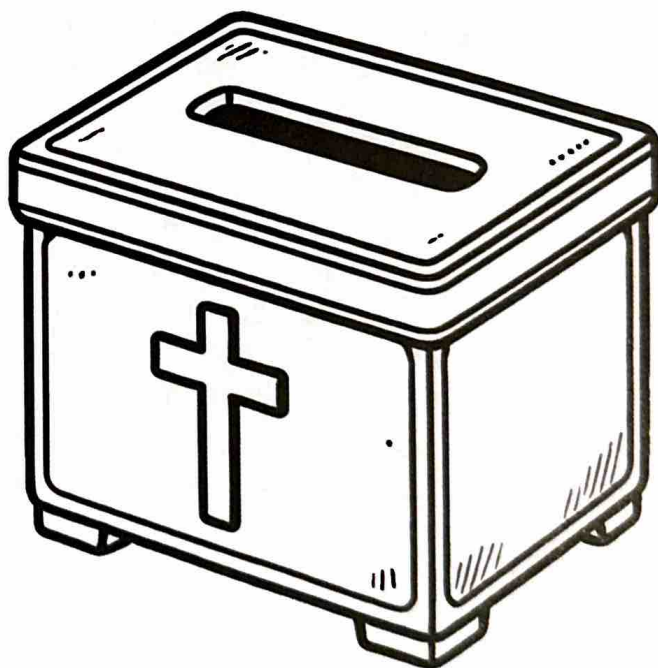
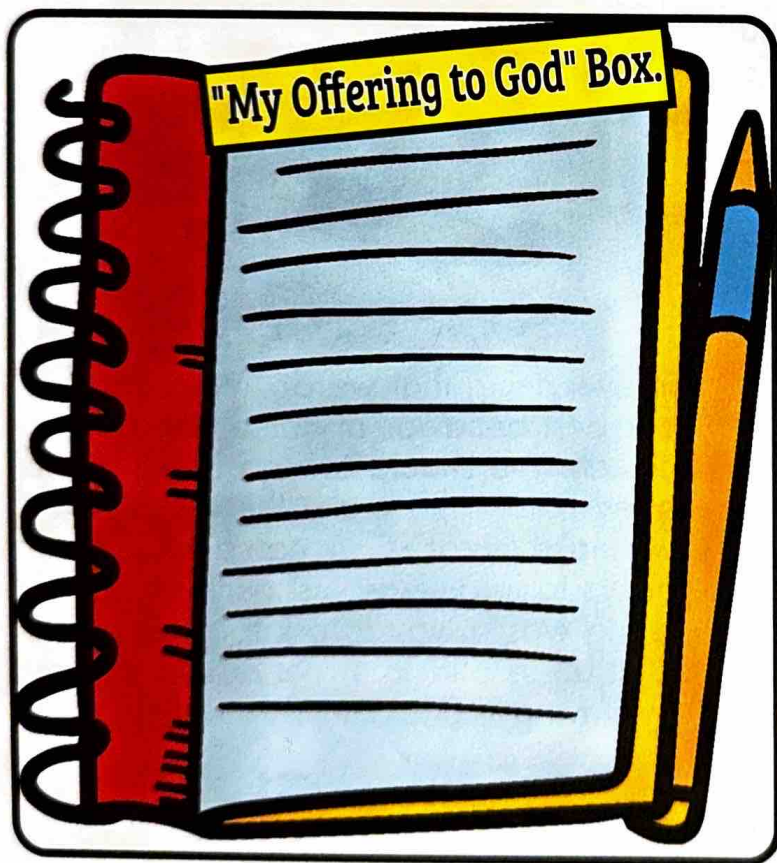
Key Words

Burnt Offering
Aroma

rise up!

superhero challenge

Help the Faithful Five make an "My Offering to God" Box.
Decorate the outside of the box with markers and stickers, making it personal. Then write down or draw things they can give to God.



craft time



time to pray

Dear God, help me to be the best giver I
can be always sharing with those in need.
Amen.

