

Bible Stories for Young Children

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THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

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Leviticus 1:1-17

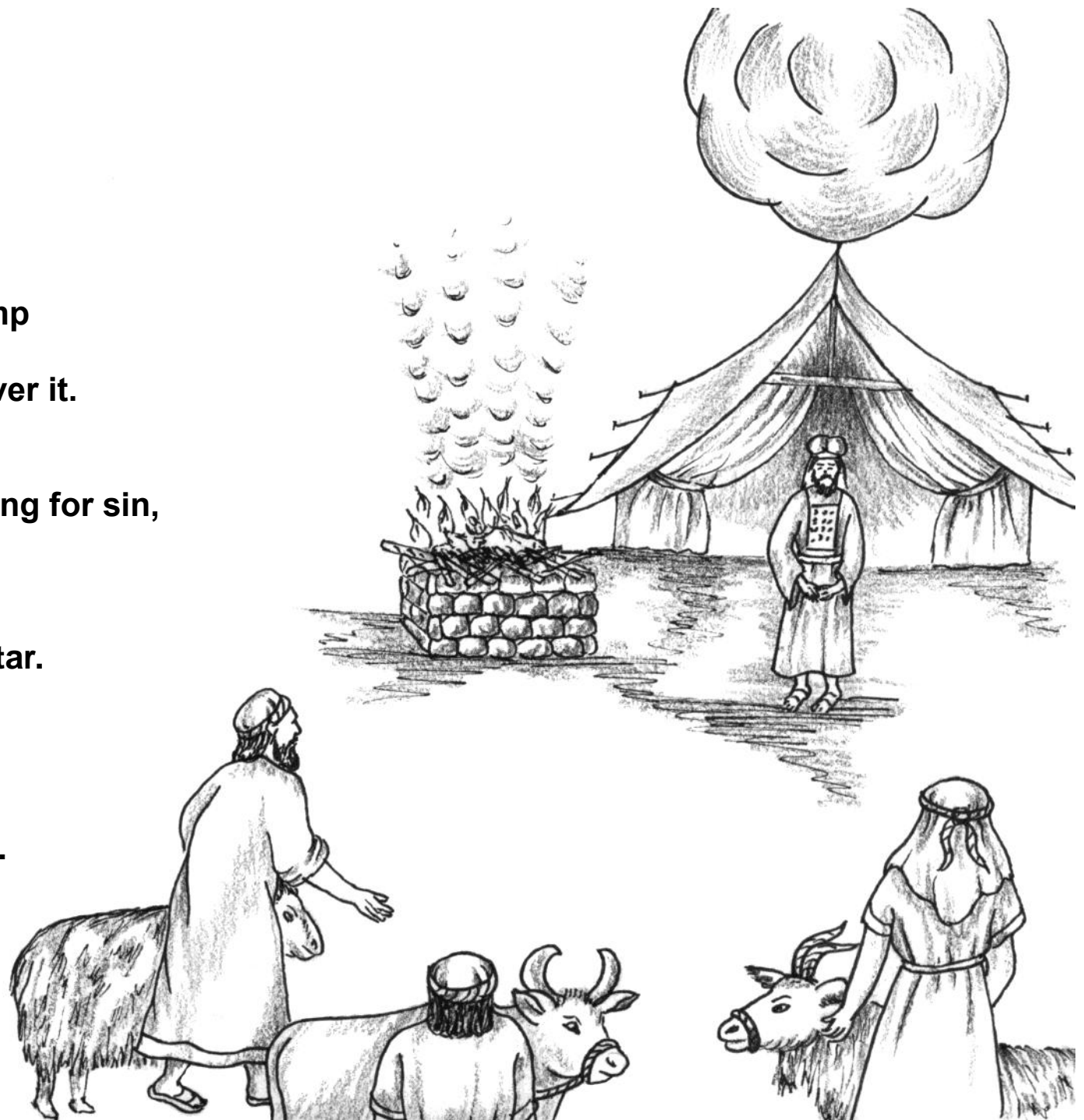
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**In the middle of Israel's camp
stood the tabernacle.
God's cloud of glory was over it.**

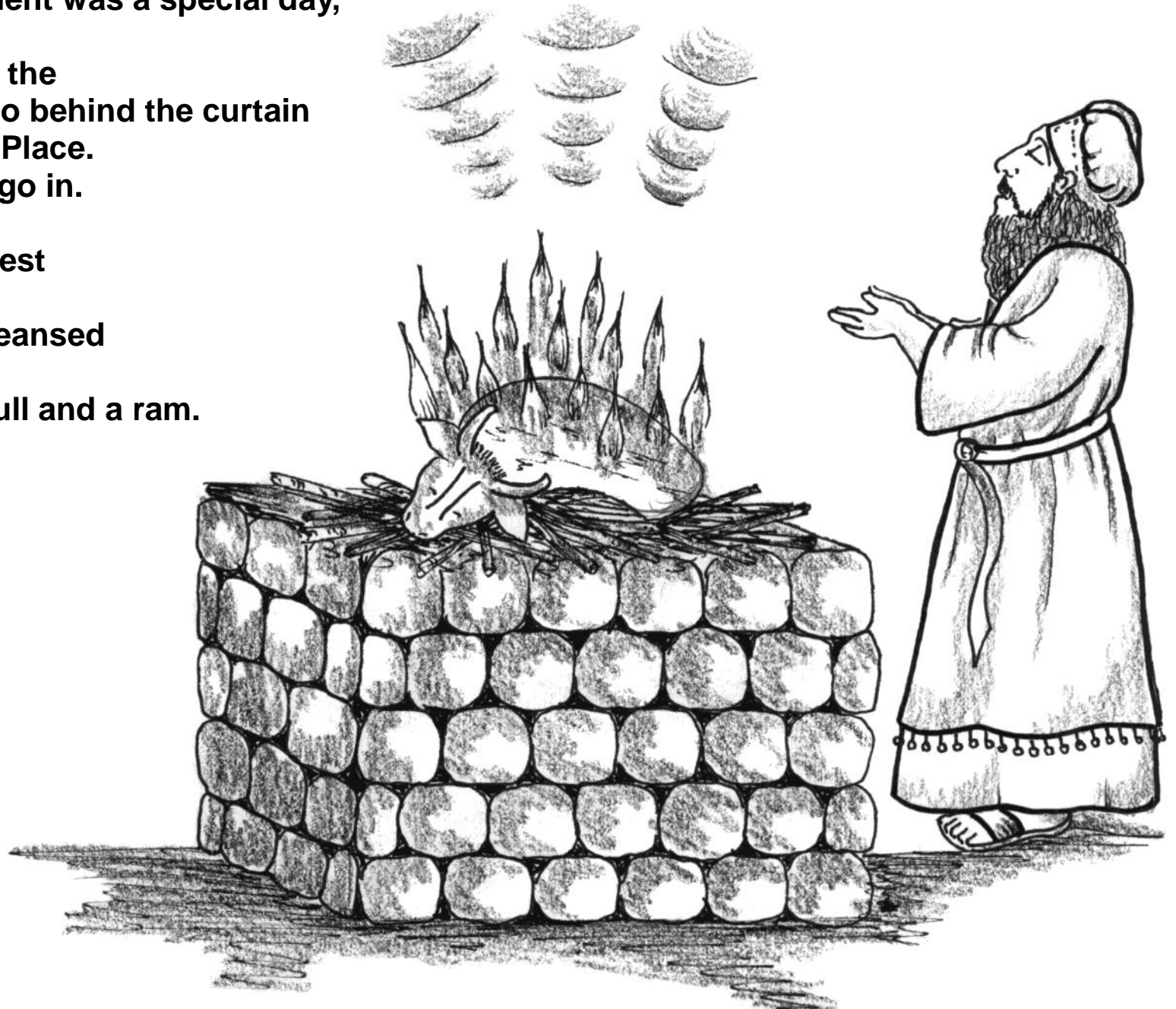
**God said,
'When you bring your offering for sin,
of a bull, sheep, goat, or
pigeon,
give it to the priest
and he will burn it on the altar.
I will smell your offering
and be pleased.'**

**This sacrifice was made
every morning and evening.**

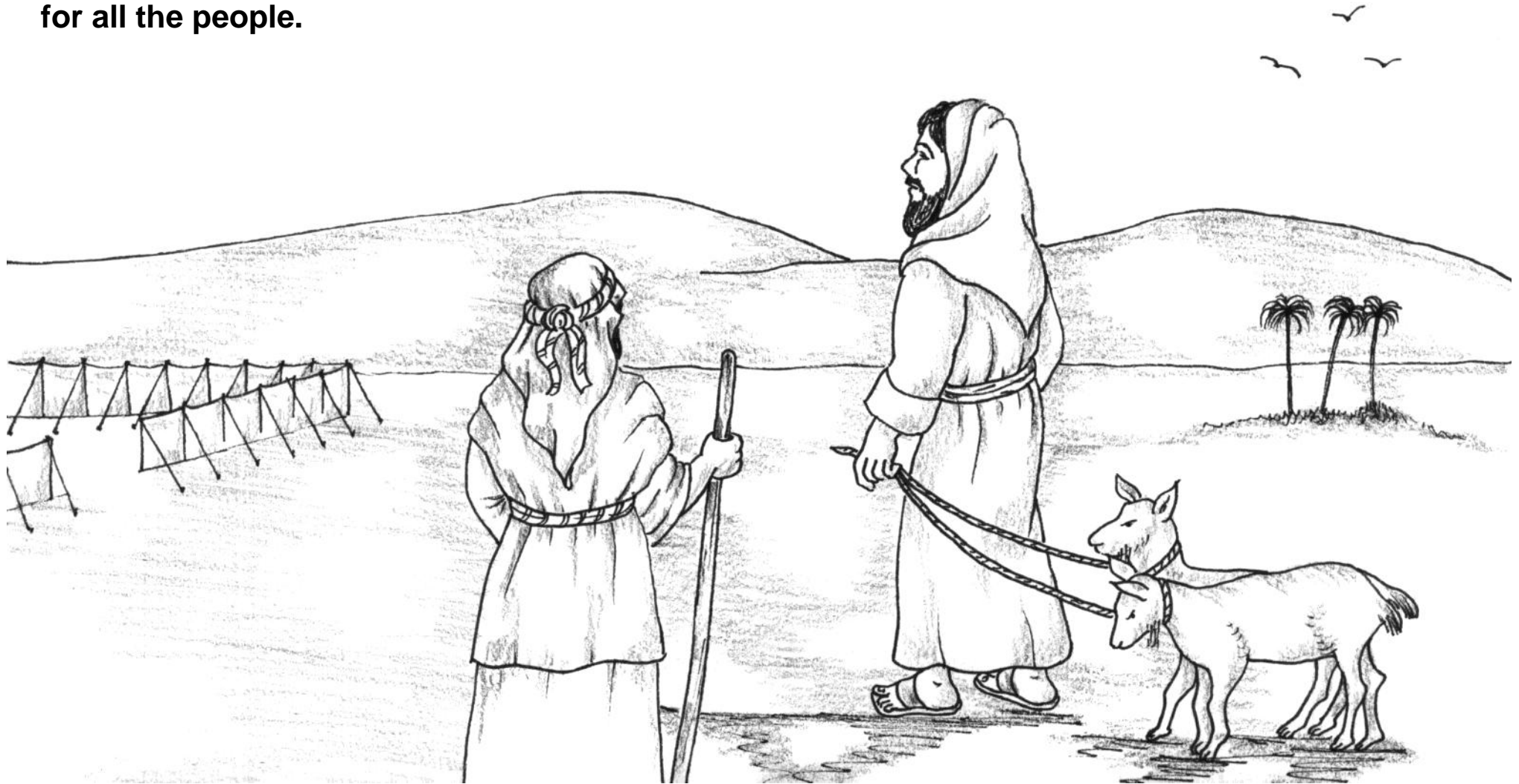


The Day of Atonement was a special day,
held once a year.
It was the only day the
high priest could go behind the curtain
into the Most Holy Place.
No one else could go in.

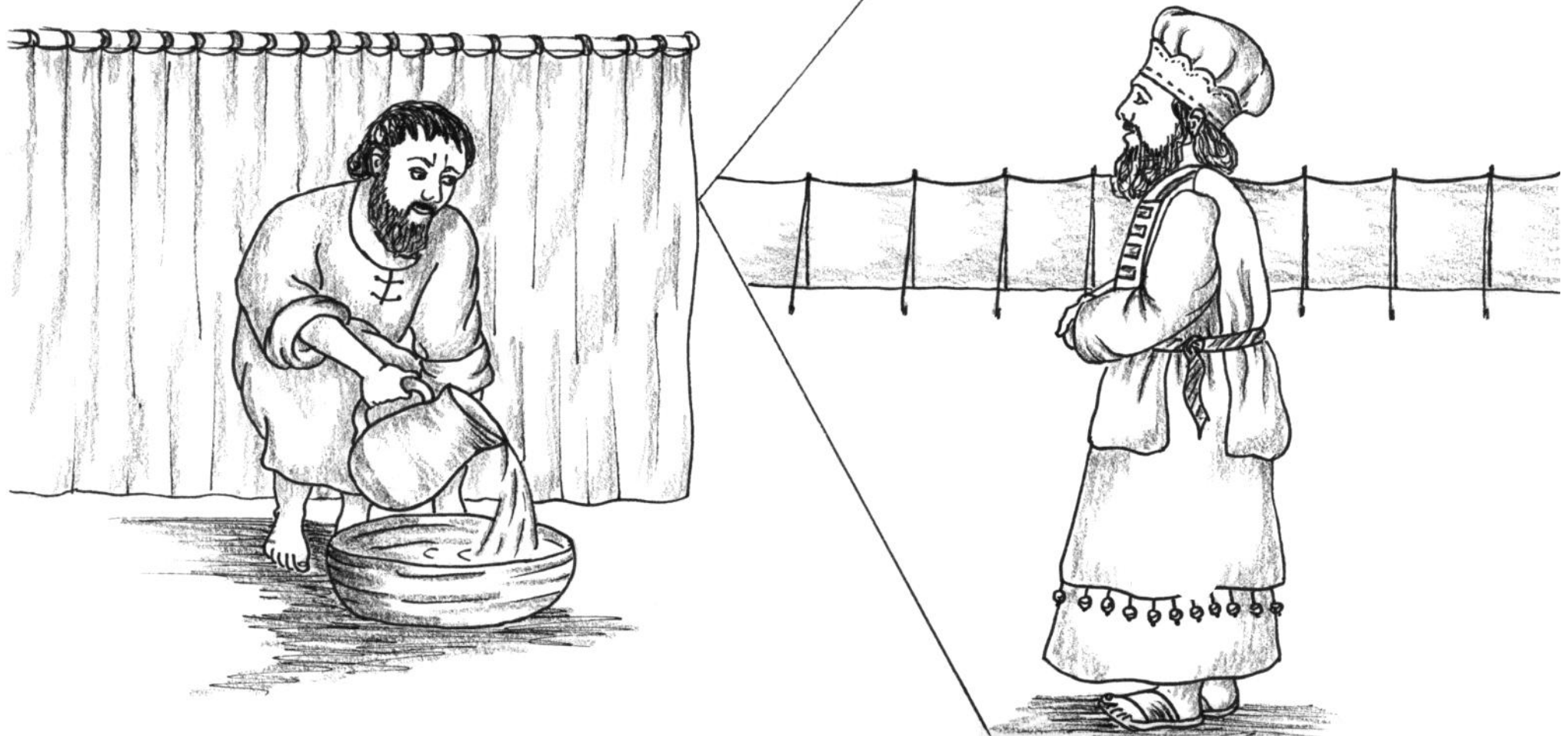
Before the high priest
could go there,
he needed to be cleansed
from his sin.
He would offer a bull and a ram.



**Then the people would bring him
two goats
which he would bring to God.
He would choose one of them
and offer it as a sin offering
for all the people.**

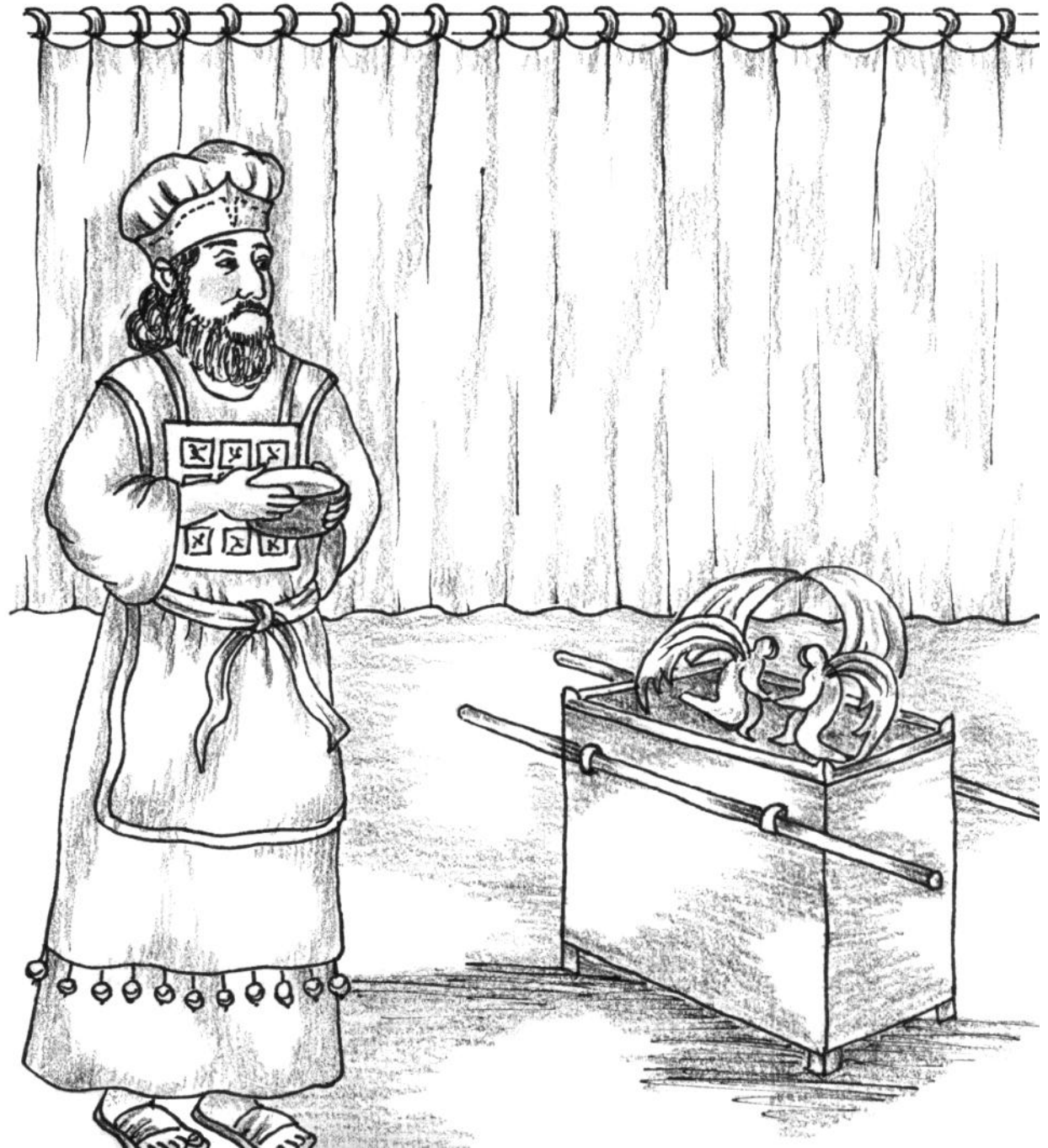


**The high priest would wash himself
and put on special clothes.
He would then be ready to go into
the Most Holy Place.**



**He would take with him some blood,
coals from the altar
and two handfuls of incense.
The smoke of the incense from the
fire would cover the covenant box.
He would sprinkle the blood
on the covenant box
as an offering for his sin.**

**Then he would take some blood
from the goat
into the Most Holy Place,
as an offering for the sins
of the people.**



**After this was finished
he would come out and
take the second goat,
put his hands on it
and confess the sins of the people.
He would give the goat to a man
to take to the wilderness
to let go free.**



***By these sacrifices,
God was showing us that we need
an offering for our sins,
an offering to die instead of us.***

***Jesus has now come to be that offering
and to open up the way
for us to come to God.***

