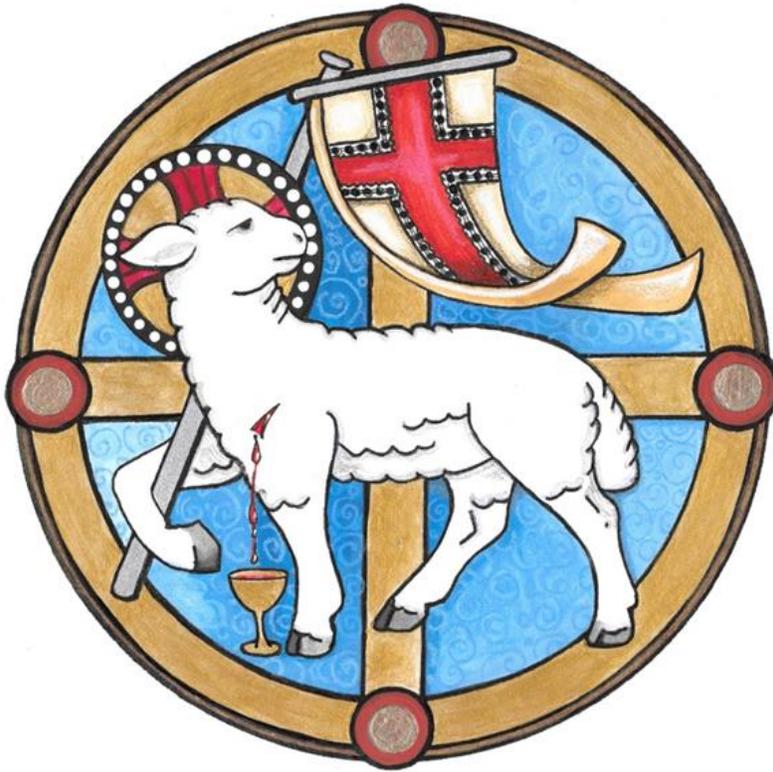


## The Lamb

"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29



### Why a Lamb?

- Today when you see a lamb, you might say "Oh it's so CUTE!" or "IT'S SO FLUFFY!"
- But in the Bible, when you see a Lamb, you should think 3 things:
  - ✘ "It's gonna **clothe** me!"
  - ✘ "It's gonna **feed** me!"
  - ✘ "It's gonna **save** me!"
- In the Bible, Lambs are used for food, clothing, and sacrifice.
- Every Lamb in the Bible should make you think of those 3 things AND remind you of Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
- Of all the titles that are used of Jesus in the bible, the Lamb predominates because it is the most exact image of who Jesus is and what He does. He **clothes** us with His righteousness, He **feeds** us with His Body and Blood on the Altar, and He **saves** us on the cross.
- He is the spotless lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world



# Lambs in the Bible

Read the following bible stories with Mom or Dad

## Adam and Eve

### ➤ Genesis 3:13-21

- ⊗ When Adam and Eve fall into sin, God promises to send Jesus (Gen. 3:15) and then He shows them what Jesus will do. In Gen. 3:21, God clothes Adam and Eve with skins.
- ⊗ This means that something had to die for them to get those skins. The Church has always understood that the animal that died was a Lamb. Humanity sinned and there always has to be a sacrifice for sin.
  - It wasn't just that Adam and Eve needed clothes, but they needed atonement (to have their sins paid for and covered)
  - We try to justify ourselves and our own actions and cover ourselves up with the fig leaves of our own good works
  - Instead of letting God cover us with the blood of His son, the Lamb of God
  - Adam and Eve needed clothes, yes, but they needed their sin to be covered all the more, and for that, there had to be blood - we see this completed when Jesus is made the sacrifice and is naked on the cross, where the full image of sin is seen being put to death
- ⊗ So, God sacrificed this Lamb, clothed Adam and Eve in its skins, and in this way teaches them what Jesus will do. Because of our sin, Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world had to be sacrificed to **save** us on the cross, **clothe** us in His righteousness, and **feed** us His Flesh in the Sacrament of the Altar.

## Abraham and Isaac

### ➤ Genesis 22:1-13

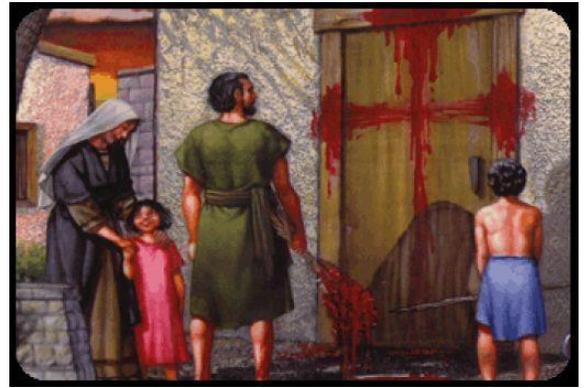
- ⊗ God tells Abraham to take his son, his only son, whom he loves and to sacrifice him to God on Mount Moriah.
- ⊗ God of course did this to test Abraham and to teach him and us about what Jesus would do. Because at the very last second, God stops Abraham from sacrificing his son and instead sees a Lamb caught in a crown of thorns. This Lamb is sacrificed instead of Isaac.
- ⊗ In this story of the Lamb, we see an image of who Jesus is and what he does for us. Isaac is the only beloved son of Abraham just like Jesus is the only beloved Son of God. Like Isaac was spared by a Lamb, we too are spared from eternal death by Jesus, the Lamb of God. The Lamb saves Isaac on Mount Moriah which would later become Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 3:1), the very place Jesus would sacrifice Himself for us. The Lamb is also caught by a crown of thorns (Gen. 22:13) in the same way that Jesus, the Lamb of God would be adorned with a crown of thorns (John 19:2, 5).
- ⊗ In the same way that God sent the Lamb to save Isaac, He now sent Jesus, the Lamb of God to save us on the cross.



## Passover

### ➤ Exodus 12:1-8, 13

- ✘ Just before God brings Israel out of slavery in Egypt through the Red Sea and into the promised land, He gave them the Passover.
- ✘ The Passover was when the head of the household had to take a spotless Lamb—that didn't have any broken bones or blemishes—sacrifice it at twilight, and then mark the door of his family's house with the blood so that death would pass over. And then with wine and unleavened bread, they had to eat the flesh of the Passover Lamb. (*Does that sound familiar to something you do every Sunday?*)
- ✘ Let me spoil the surprise for you. **JESUS IS OUR PASSEVER LAMB.** God has brought out of slavery to sin and death by the waters of Holy Baptism and brought us into the promised land of His Church. But before He did that, He took the Perfect, Spotless, Sinless Lamb of God, and gave Him to be sacrificed at twilight on the altar of the cross for the sin of the world.
- ✘ Now, the Blood of Jesus marked the Holy Cross and the Altar. So that receiving His Body and Blood in the sacrament, death passes over us and we live forever with Him.



## John the Baptist

### ➤ John 1:29-35

- ✘ Finally, we get to Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
- ✘ Of all the titles that are used of Jesus in the Bible, the Lamb predominates because it is the most exact image of who Jesus is and what He does. He **clothes** us with His righteousness, He **feeds** us with His Body and Blood on the Altar, and He **saves** us on the cross.
- ✘ **He is the spotless lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world**



## The Lamb Standing Though Slain

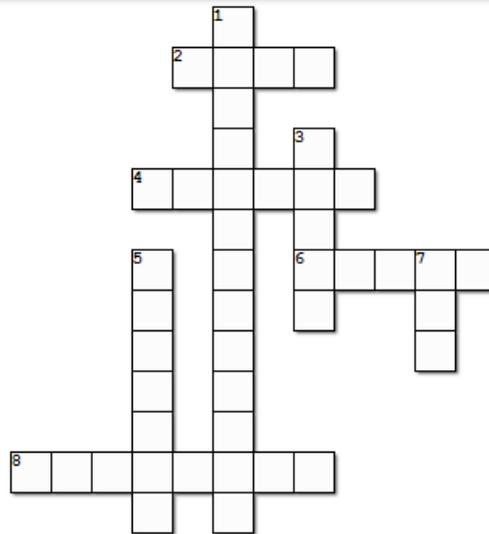
### ➤ Revelation 5:1-10

- ✘ Revelation is kind of a crazy book in the Bible. There are SO many things happening that we can get distracted by. There are bugs the size of horses, dragons, stuff on fire and so much more. BUT the most important part of the whole book is what you

just read. That the Lamb Stands though He is Slain and that by the Blood of the Lamb, we have conquered.

- ✘ Revelation is not a *literal* book. It is a vision that Saint John sees that describes not what *will* happen but what happens every day in the world. He just uses a really unique way to explain it.
- ✘ BUT the most important part is that in the midst of every awful thing that happen sin the world, the reality that the Church sees is the Lamb, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, has conquered by His Blood and now stands forever as King.
- ✘ Remember, when you see a Lamb, think that it is going to clothe you, feed you, and save you. Because that is what Revelation shows us. That Jesus the Lamb of God, has been slain, and by His blood He ransomed His people for God. Ransom means that He bought us back with His blood.
- ✘ On the cross, Christ conquered sin, death, and the devil.

## Answer the Questions and Complete the Crossword Puzzle!



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### Across

2. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
4. As the Lamb of God, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for my sin
6. Jesus sacrificed Himself for us on the \_\_\_\_\_
8. Revelation 5:9 says that Jesus was 'slain, and by your blood you \_\_\_\_\_ people'

### Down

1. In 1 Corinthians 5:7, St. Paul says that Jesus is our \_\_\_\_\_
3. We pray 'Have \_\_\_\_\_ upon us'
5. Exodus 12:5 said the Passover Lamb had to be without \_\_\_\_\_
7. Jesus takes away the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world

KEY: 1. PassoverLamb; 2. Lamb; 3. Mercy; 4. Atonement; 5. Blenish; 6. Atonement; 7. Sin; 8. ransomed

## 🎵 Fill in the blanks while you sing the Hymn of the Day 🎵

🎵 O \_\_\_\_\_ Thou \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, that takest away the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, have \_\_\_\_\_ upon \_\_\_\_\_. O \_\_\_\_\_ Thou \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, that takest away the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world, grant us Thy \_\_\_\_\_. 🎵



# Christian Art Contest!

Color in the sketch of today's mascot to match the original and have it sent to Vicar to compete with the other students for a prize! The best drawings at the end of the week wins a prize!

