

**WORSHIP.** On Wednesdays this month let's look at worship "then and now." Have you been working on memorizing **Hebrews 12:28**?

...and thus let us offer to \_\_\_\_\_ acceptable worship, with reverence and awe...

But the way people worshiped God in the Old Testament is very different from the way we worship today. **Why?** Why did things change? What's the difference between worship "then" and "now"?

In the Old Testament, we read about a lot of people building altars "to the LORD":

- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 8:20)
- ◆ Abraham (Gen 12:8)
- ◆ Isaac (Gen 26:25)
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 35:7)
- ◆ Moses (Exo 17:15)



In fact, God made a very special promise about altars and sacrifices:

"...I will \_\_\_\_\_ to you and \_\_\_\_\_ you." (Exo 20:22-24)

For a **VERY** long time, the children of Israel offered animal sacrifices—lots and **LOTS** of sacrifices. Until something very special happened. **SOMEONE** very special came:

"Behold, the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

When Jesus sacrificed himself as "the Lamb of God," something changed.

...Christ ... offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins... (Heb 10:12)

Does that mean there aren't any more sacrifices to make? No! Let's listen carefully to **Romans 12:1**:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

Now, **WE** are the living sacrifices that put God first in our lives. We live for him!

# FOUNDATION STONES

This month, we're working on:



☑ **TIMELINE Building Blocks:**

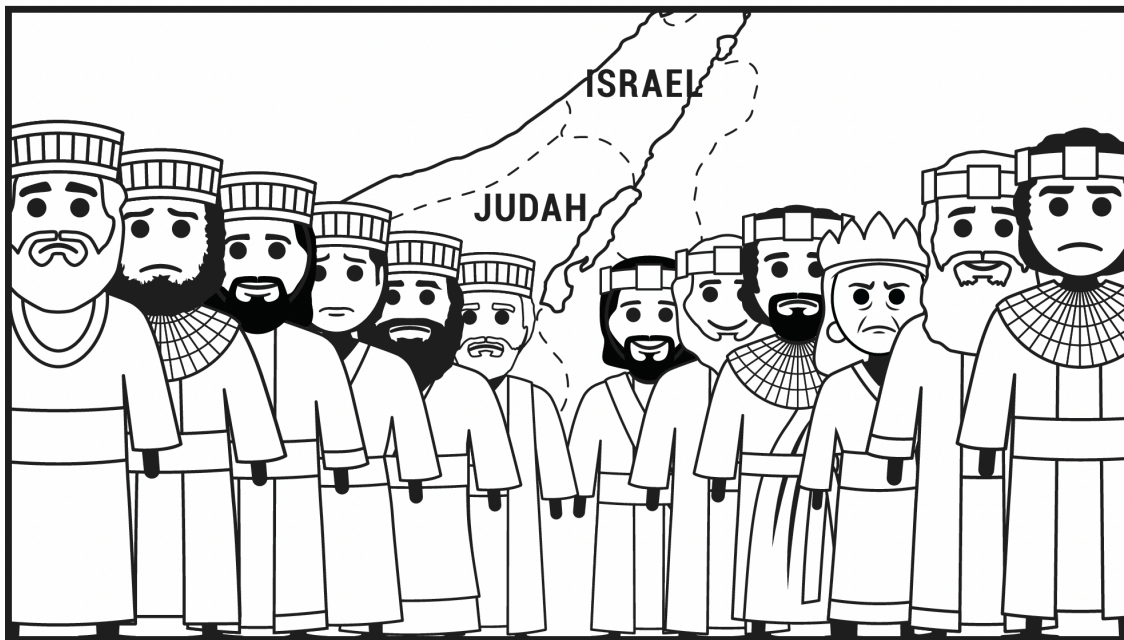
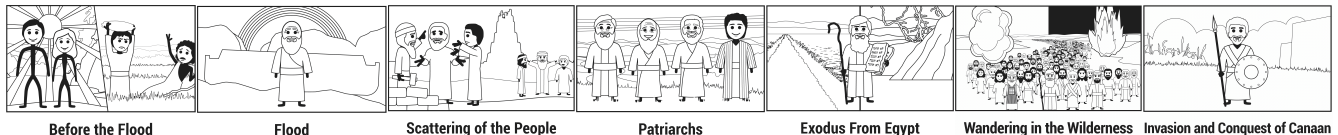
The first 13 periods of the Creation to Revelation timeline

(this will get us through the entire Old Testament by the end of the month)

☑ **BIBLE Building Blocks:** our Old & New Testament books of the Bible; turning to books of the Bible without looking at the Table of Contents

☑ **KEYWORD Building Blocks:** altar, tabernacle, temple, synagogue, church, Amen

## TIMELINE Building Blocks: Creation to Revelation (Period 1-13)



## Divided Kingdom

### KEYWORD Building Blocks

🕯 We heard a lot about **altars** in today's lesson. An **altar** was a pile of stones people would build to offer sacrifices to God. The people would make the sacrifice and God promised to "come to" them and "bless" them.

