

Listen carefully to the Bible reading
from Malachi 1 verse 6 to 14

Our verses today start by saying this:

A son should love and honour his father

Join the dots to complete the sentences

God is like the...

• ...son

God's people are
like a...

• ...father

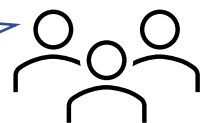
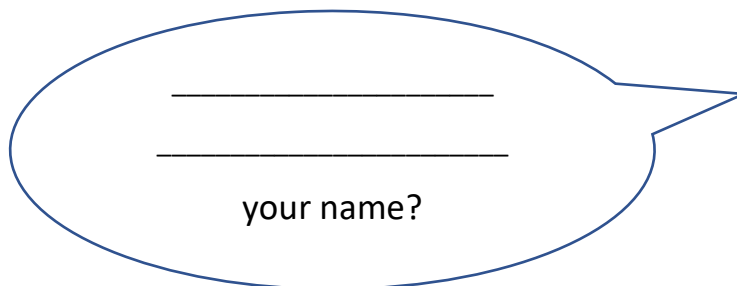
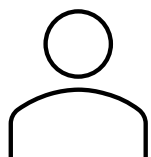
But things had been going very wrong for God's people.

They had not been loving our honouring God as they should.

This is why _____ was bringing an important
(clhMaai)
message to them from _____.
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Look at verse 6. When Malachi brings the message, what do the people say?

The LORD



Israel

Wow! Can you believe it?

They don't think they have done anything wrong!

Every time in the book of Malachi we keep seeing the people answering back to God. They are not sorry.

God says the people despised his name.

This means they treated God

as if they **didn't care** about him

as if they even **hated** him

How were they doing this? By the sacrifices they gave him.

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences.

forgive

perfect

animal

wrong

blood

God is _____ and holy so when people do

_____ it is very serious.

If they did wrong they had to sacrifice an animal because

only _____ can pay for sin.

If they did this God said he would _____ them.

But the _____ had to be perfect!

Imagine one day you had to cook dinner for the Queen!
What kind of food would you give her? (Old, rotten, out of date food?)

Read verse 8. What kind of animals were the people and priests offering to God? Circle all the correct answers.

strong

lame

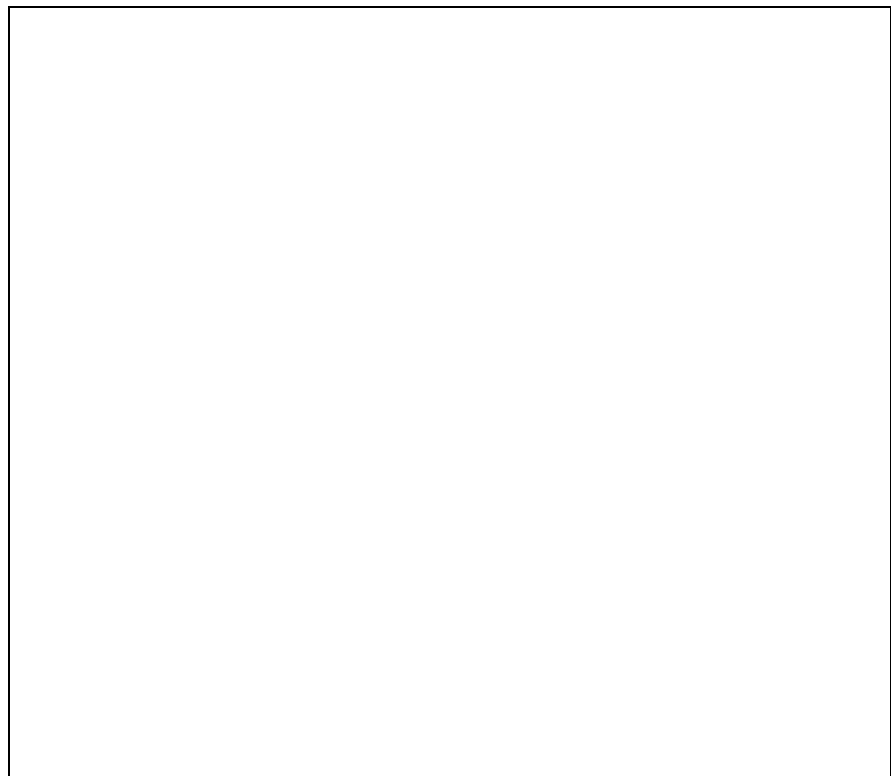
blind

sick

healthy

the best

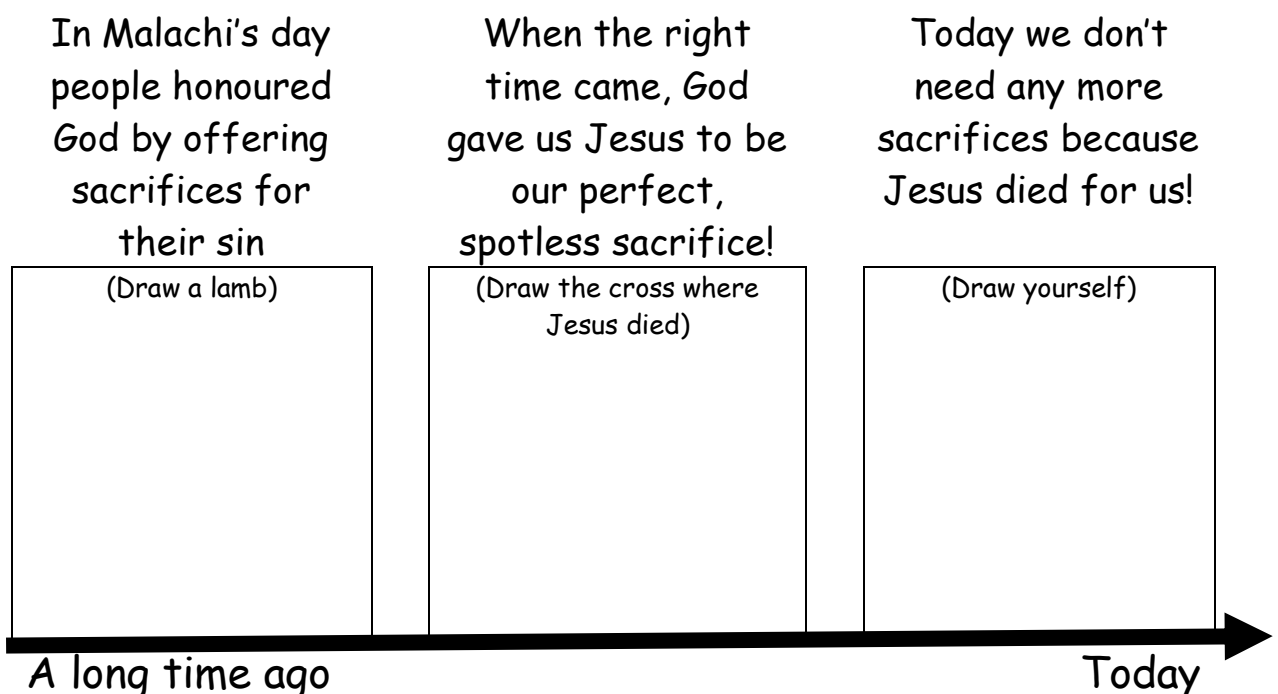
Read verse 10.
God was not happy about the kind of sacrifices the people were offering.
What did he want someone to do to the temple?
Draw a picture of it.



The people of Israel thought they were not the problem.
The people of Israel thought God was the problem.
They thought he wasn't helping them any more.
They thought he was not so great any more.

Read verse 11 very carefully. In this verse there is something that God says twice. Something about his name. Can you spot it? Write it here:

Today we don't sacrifice animals anymore. Look at the timeline below to see why.



So today, if we are a follower of Jesus, we can honour God
by giving him our best!
by loving him with all our heart, soul and mind

"For I am a great King, says the LORD
of hosts, and my name will be feared
among the nations."

Malachi 1v14