

2. THE SACRIFICE

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(Required: Two puppets, sheep puppet [can be made from sock or car wash mitten], pizza box)

(Herb enters with sheep)

HERB: Now keep still, sheep. This will be relatively painless. At least to your *relatives*.

OLLIE: **(Enters carrying pizza box)** Hey, Herb, I'm off to take this pizza over to the kids club at the church. Hey, what's the sheep for? **(Looking around)** Where did I put my bicycle helmet?

HERB: I'm going to offer a sacrifice.

OLLIE: That's nice. Oh, I left my helmet in the other room. **(Exits)**

HERB: **(Puts sheep down)** Okay, keep still. And don't make any noise. I don't want the neighbors complaining.

OLLIE: **(Runs in)** You're going to what!!!?

HERB: I'm going to offer a sacrifice.

OLLIE: Why in the world are you going to do that?

HERB: Because the Bible says to offer sacrifices.

OLLIE: That's in the Old Testament. You see, the people in those days would build an altar and kill an animal...

HERB: That's it! I need an altar! Can you buy altars at K Mart?

OLLIE: Herb, you don't need an altar.

HERB: I want to do this right.

OLLIE: If you want to do it right, you shouldn't do it at all.

HERB: **(Sniffs)** Uh oh. **(Looking under sheep)** The sheep just made a mess. Sorry about your rug.

OLLIE: Listen, Herb. In Old Testament times, the people offered sacrifices so they wouldn't be punished by God.

HERB: Sounds logical to me.

OLLIE: But God sent His Son, Jesus, to earth to be a sacrifice once for all, to pay for everyone's sin. That's what Jesus was doing when He died on the cross. Now all people need to do is believe in Jesus and God forgives them and gives them everlasting life. No one needs to offer sacrifices any more.

HERB: That sounds so simple.

OLLIE: It's simple because it's true. God doesn't play games with people. He loves people. He's not going to make it hard for them to receive everlasting life.

HERB: And God doesn't want sacrifices?

OLLIE: No, He wants people to come to Him with a humble heart.

HERB: I feel so sheepish.

OLLIE: Listen, why don't you help me deliver this pizza. That way I can tell you more about believing in Jesus. **(Starts outs)**

SHEEP: Bah!

HERB: Hey, you're a big sheep now. Learn to clean up your own mess. **(Exits. Sheep follows)**