



In Bible times there was a very special day in the year called the Day of Atonement. This was the one day in the year when the High Priest went in the Holy of Holies to stand before God.

Could you believe that two goats were an important part of this day?

There was a special service in the temple. Two goats went to the altar. One goat was sacrificed to God. This goat was killed and offered to God for the sins of all the people.

Something very different happened to the second goat. The priest put his hands on the head of the second goat. Then the priest sadly spoke all the sins of the people. He was talking to God. He was saying -

I put on this goat all the sins of the people. Take these sins away, God. Take the sins far from the people.

Now the priest has finished. The goat is led out to the edge of the desert. The goat is untied. He is sent out across the hot, dry sand. He will wander away and die.

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When the people saw the goat run away into the desert, they felt that he was carrying their sins far away too. Of course only God could take the sin away. But the goat was a picture of what happens to a man's sins. If a man is truly sorry, he asks God to forgive him. God does take the sin far away.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has
He removed out transgressions from us.

(Psalm 103:12)

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