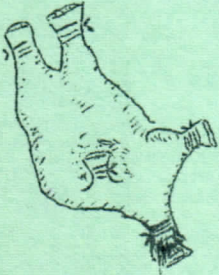


The skin of the goat was made into bags to hold water, or milk, or fruit juice. The skin of the goat was cleaned and dried. The hair was turned inside and the opening was tied shut. A stopper was put in the neck opening. You could see skins like this hanging in a home in Israel. The goat skin bags looked something like this picture.



The meat of the goat was sometimes eaten. Good meat was scarce in the land of Jesus. Everyone thought the meat of the goat was delicious. On a very special time, a goat was killed. The meat was roasted over the fire. This way of cooking was something like our barbeque.

The horns of the goat were also used. These horns were long. They were hollow. The horn was made into a trumpet. Sometimes it was used to carry oil or wine. Then the bigger end of the horn was stopped up and a little hole was drilled in the pointed end.

You can see how many ways the goat was used. A goat could almost meet all the needs of a family. Besides all this, the goat was also a pet for the family. Small boys and girls liked to carry a goat in their arms. They picked some grass and fed it to the goat. It was fun to have a goat for a pet. The goat liked to play. It liked to run and jump. It liked to climb up high. Goats are very frisky. Do you suppose Jesus ever had a goat for a pet?

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