

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

...and thus let us offer to God 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 God's people being led and served by **priests**, starting with Aaron and his sons (**Exo 28:1**). In fact, an entire tribe of Israel, the tribe of Levi, was chosen by God to serve and guard this important work (**Num 3:5-7**).

The leader of all the priests was called the **high priest**. What would he do? **Hebrews 5:1** tells us:

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and \_\_\_\_\_ for sins. (**Heb 5:1**)

But there had to be many, many priests over the years "because they were prevented by \_\_\_\_\_ from continuing in office" (**Heb 7:23**). **Until...** let's read about the greatest high priest of all in **Hebrews 7:22-28**.

Does that mean there aren't any priests today? No! Listen carefully to the way the apostle Peter described **all** Christians in **1 Peter 2:9**:

But you are a chosen race, a royal \_\_\_\_\_, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Through Jesus, all of God's people can "continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" (**Heb 13:15-16**).



# FOUNDATION STONES

This month, we're working on:



☑ **TIMELINE Building Blocks:**

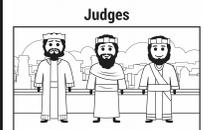
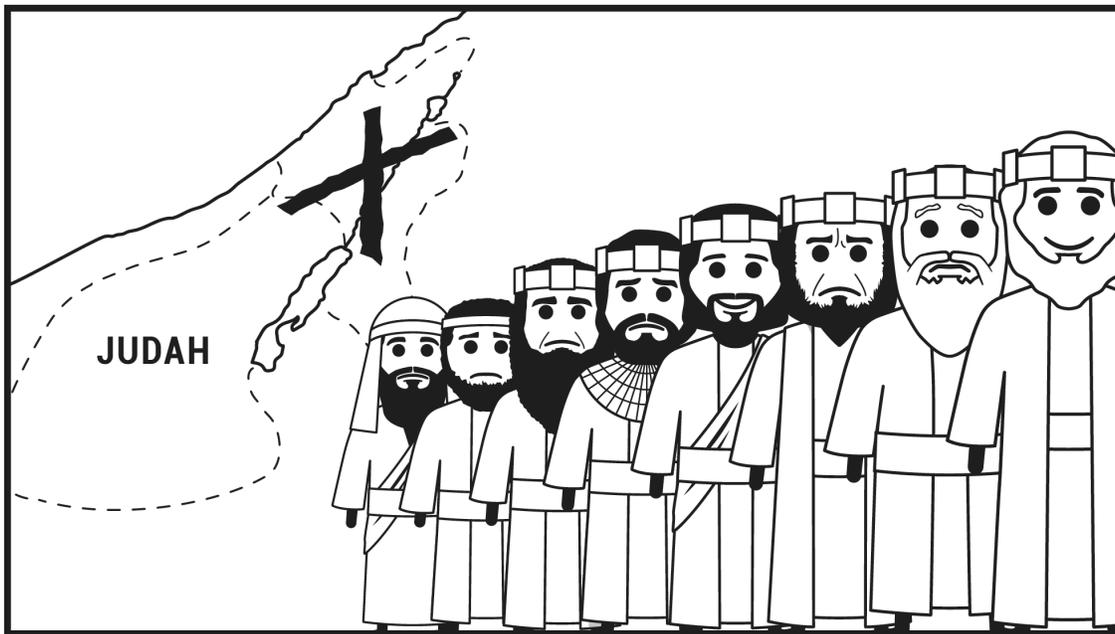
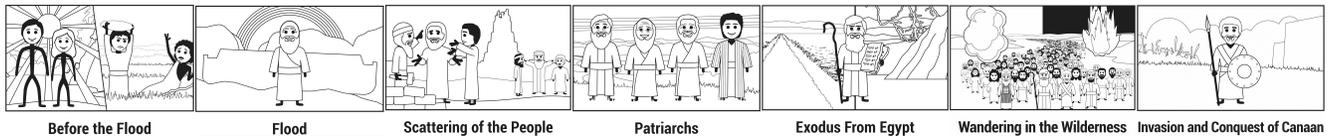
The first 13 periods of the Creation to Revelation timeline

(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

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

## TIMELINE Building Blocks: Creation to Revelation (Period 1-11)



## Judah Alone

### KEY WORD Building Blocks

🕯 While the children of Israel were wandering in the wilderness, God gave them **priests**. What's a priest? Someone who serves between God and people. The leader of all the priests in the Old Testament was called the **high priest**. Do you remember who the very first high priest was?