

# Sacrifice Sword Drill

## Materials

- Bibles
- Scripture References

## Instructions

Tell students that they will be racing to find verses in their Bibles in a Sword Drill. The theme for the verses today is sacrifices. Some verses are about temporary animal sacrifices, and some verses are about the perfect, final sacrifice of Jesus. The winner will read the verse then you will ask the class which sacrifice the verse is talking about: animals or Jesus.

If you have another format for conducting a Sword Drill, review those rules with the students. Otherwise, follow these steps:

Have students hold their Bibles in one hand by the binding and raise it up in the air when you say, "Draw swords." Demonstrate holding your Bible by the binding with arm extended straight up.

Instruct students to repeat the reference together after you say it.

When you say, "Charge!" students will bring their Bibles down and turn to the verse as quickly as possible.

Have the first student to find the verse stand up (and say the first 3 words). Allow the winner to read the verse while others follow along. If it's a tie, you may split the reading between the winners or let both students read the verse.

For a challenge, keep track of points individually or in teams (e.g. boys vs. girls).

Continue with this format for each reference below:

**Draw swords!** Students raise their Bibles. **The reference is Leviticus 4:32.** Students repeat. **Ready? Charge!** Assign the winner to read the verse. Ask students which sacrifice the verse was referring to—temporary, animal sacrifice or final, complete sacrifice of Jesus.

## Scripture References

- Leviticus 4:32 (*animal*)
- Genesis 3:21 (*animal*)
- Hebrews 9:28 (*Jesus*)
- Romans 6:10 (*Jesus*)
- Genesis 4:4 (*animal*)
- 1 Peter 2:24 (*Jesus*)
- Genesis 8:20 (*animal*)
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 (*Jesus*)
- Leviticus 16:15 (*animal*)
- 1 Peter 3:18 (*Jesus*)
- Exodus 29:36 (*animal*)
- Philippians 2:8 (*Jesus*)
- Exodus 30:10 (*animal*)
- Hebrews 10:11 (*animal*)
- Matthew 16:21 (*Jesus*)
- Hebrews 10:12 (*Jesus*)

## Suggested Discussion

There is a difference in the two sacrifices we read about. God demanded bloody animal sacrifices that needed to be made over and over again to cover sin. These were temporary sacrifices that pointed to Jesus Christ, who would one day come as the perfect sacrifice.

But then God provided the final sacrifice in Jesus Christ. No more animal sacrifices were needed. Jesus died once and for all so that sins could be forgiven. That forgiveness is offered to all who turn away from their sins, receive Him, believe in Him, and trust Him.