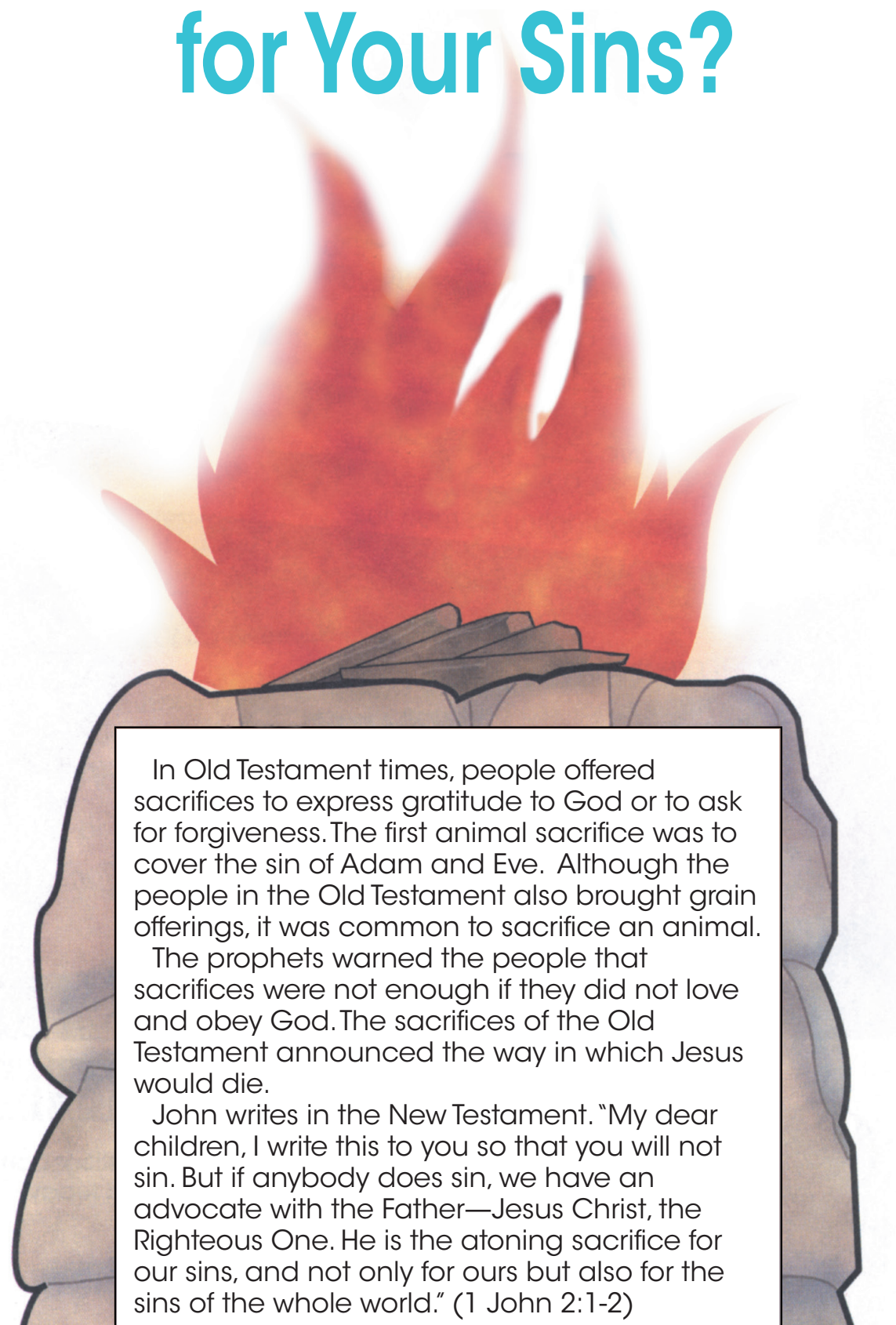


What Would You Sacrifice for Your Sins?



In Old Testament times, people offered sacrifices to express gratitude to God or to ask for forgiveness. The first animal sacrifice was to cover the sin of Adam and Eve. Although the people in the Old Testament also brought grain offerings, it was common to sacrifice an animal.

The prophets warned the people that sacrifices were not enough if they did not love and obey God. The sacrifices of the Old Testament announced the way in which Jesus would die.

John writes in the New Testament. "My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 2:1-2)