

Aim: What can the High Priest's garments teach us about Jesus?

Refer: "Pathway to the Throne of God" by Sarah Peck; <http://www.biblebasics.co.uk/colours/col1.htm>

Have you ever wondered how they know that white means purity or that purple is for a king or so on? As we look at the High Priest and what his clothes teach about Jesus, we will also spend a little time learning how to use the Bible to understand the Bible.

Starting from the skin up... (Have the children look up some of the verses if there is time, look them up yourself, or read from this page depending on your time and their interest.)

The white underwear, hat and robe of fine linen:

Psalms 51:7 "Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow." NLT

Discuss: What does purity, sinlessness and righteousness mean?

1 Corinthians 5:21 – Jesus, who was sinless, took our sins

The blue robe

Numbers 15:37-40 "Then the Lord said to Moses, "Give the following instructions to the people of Israel: Throughout the generations to come you must make tassels for the hems of your clothing and attach them with a blue cord... The tassels will help you remember that you must obey all My commands and be holy to your God. NLT"

What does the Law have to do with Jesus? (The Ten Commandments are God's Law and Jesus is also God)

Matthew 5:17 "I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose. NLT"

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death... NLT"

The law of the universe is if you sin, you die, but Jesus died in our place and so the law was satisfied.

The Ephod-Vest and the belt of red, blue and purple

We already know that blue is for the law

Red – The colour of blood; Moses was given specific instructions about what was to happen with the blood from the sacrifices; some of it was to be sprinkled on the altars. (See also *Hebrews 9:22*) Hebrews 10:10 calls Jesus our sacrifice; He sacrificed His life for us when He died on the cross.

Purple – The colour of kings: Daniel 5:7; Judges 8:26; Esther 8:15; and the colour they dressed Jesus in when they mocked Him about being the King of the Jews, Mark 15:17 and 18

ALTERNATIVE TEACHING METHOD: (Suitable for older children)

Mix up the items in each row and as a whole group, or in smaller groups, start with a colour and work out which item from each row matches.

RED	WHITE * This is the hardest	BLUE	PURPLE
Leviticus 17:5,6	Psalms 51:7	Numbers 15:38-40	Daniel 5:7, Judges 8:26, Esther 8:15
Picture of a sacrifice	Picture of snowflake	Picture of a tassel	Picture of a king (head with crown)
Hebrews 9:22	2 Corinthians 5:21	Picture of Commandments	Mark 15:17-18
Hebrews 10:10	1 Thessalonians 3:13	Matthew 5:17, Romans 6:23	Picture of Jesus with robe and crown of thorns
Picture of Jesus on the cross	Picture of someone gladly watching Jesus return	Picture of the Tomb	Picture of Jesus on heavenly throne