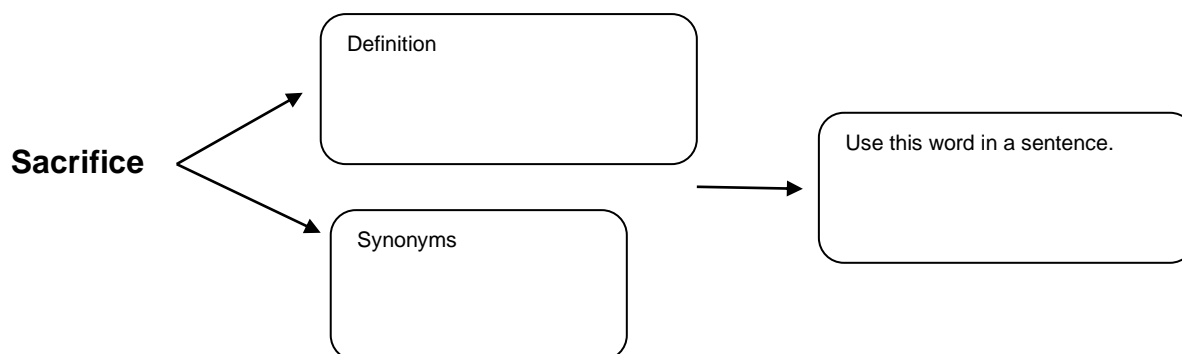




Sacrifice



- Have you heard stories about people who have given up a comfortable life to do service for others?
 - Give an example.
- Have you seen stories on TV where people have died trying to save another person's life?
 - Give an example.
- Have you made sacrifices by giving up your time to do something for others?
 - Give an example.

Types of Sacrifices in the Old Testament:

Burnt – offerings

Only whole animals, except for the skin, in perfect condition were considered good enough for God. The blood of the animal was sprinkled on the altar as a further sign that the life of the animal given in death had been dedicated to God.

Grain – offerings

Flour, baked cakes or raw grain, together with oil and frankincense were used.

It was seen as a good will offering to God. Only a portion was burnt on the altar with the rest going to the priests.

Peace (fellowship) – offerings

Only the fat was burnt on the altar and the meat was shared by the worshippers and their families.

Sin – offerings

Offered when a person had sinned against another person or God.

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Sacrifices in the Old Testament.

Read the following references:

- Genesis 8:20
- Genesis 15:1-21
- Leviticus Chapters 1-7, 16 and 17
- Psalm 51:16-17

What type of sacrifice was used?

Why did people offer sacrifices?