Day 6  
Lamb of God

*John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, ‘Look the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’ John 1: 29*

Do you have a special meal for your birthday or for Christmas dinner? It might be a baked dinner or pizza or something entirely different. For lots of people, there is a connection between a particular food and a special occasion.

At the time of Jesus, lamb had a special meaning for the Jewish people. We usually go to the supermarket and buy meat in trays. But years ago, lots of people saw animals being killed before they ate them. A bit gruesome!

In the Jewish temple, lambs were killed regularly. This provided food, but more importantly it was a lesson for the people. What was God trying to teach them? He wanted them to know they could be his friends. But there was a big problem. There were so many things they kept doing that God wasn’t happy about. He needed to remind them that he wanted to be their friend, but something had to be done about their sins. God takes sin very seriously. Sin is deciding to live our lives our own way without taking much notice of God.

Each time a lamb was killed it was like a mini visual aid. It taught the people that something had to die so that their sins to be forgiven. Only then could they be friends with God.

When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he knew that he was the one who would completely deal with our sins so we could be friends with God forever.

Like the lambs in the temple, Jesus would die. But it wouldn’t need to be done again and again. Because Jesus is the Son of God, when this Lamb of God died, he was able to deal with the sins of everyone. Now whoever trusts in Jesus as the Lamb of God, will have their sins completely forgiven.

If you trust that Jesus died for you, you can be friends with God. A friend of God forever.