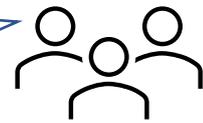
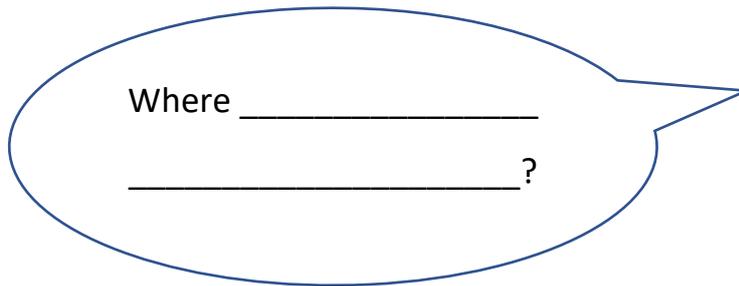
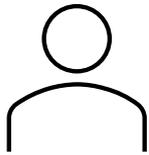


Listen carefully to the Bible reading
from Malachi 2 verse 17 to 3 verse 5

Read chapter 2 verse 17 again. The people have some
terrible things to say about the Lord. What do they say the
Lord thinks about people who do evil?

Look at the last bit of chapter 2 verse 17. What were the
people asking about God?

The LORD



Israel

There is **justice** when people who do evil are punished.

The people looked around

it seemed their enemies were all doing evil

it seemed their enemies were not being punished

So they were upset with God

and asked "Where is the God of Justice?"

Wow! Can you believe it?

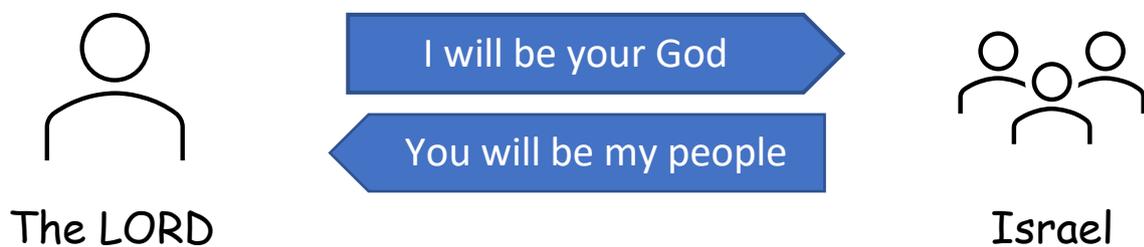
How do you think God felt about this? (There is a clue in verse 17)

But God had a plan. Look at chapter 3 verse 1.
What will God do?

Malachi talks about two messengers in chapter 3 verse 1.
Can you match together who he was talking about?

- First God sends the messenger who will prepare the way • Jesus
- Then the Lord, the 'messenger of the covenant' will come • John the Baptist

Do you remember the special promise God made to his people?



What was it called? Circle the correct answer:

Kingdom	Church	Covenant
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The people thought they were good. But they had been breaking God's covenant. They had turned away from God.

Let's see what God's messenger would do...

God says in verse 3 his messenger will be like a r_____

Do you know what a refiner does?

A refiner **separates** metal from rock



1. Metals like silver are hidden inside rock and must be separated by the refiner



2. The rock is placed in a container called a crucible and put into the hot furnace



3. Once it has been melted down it can be poured out



4. When melted the worthless rock becomes separated from the silver and can be scraped away



5. It may be placed back in the furnace several times till the silver becomes more and more pure



6. Finally the metal is left to cool as precious, pure silver!

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences.

purifies people precious died refiner

Just as a _____ purifies silver, Jesus _____

his people. He did this when he _____ for them on the

cross. He died for the wrong things of his _____ so

they can be clean and pure like _____ silver!

But for those who turn away from him there is a serious warning. Look at the beginning of verse 5. What does he say he is coming near to these people for?

J _____

What of these are correct? Put a ✓ or a ✗ in the

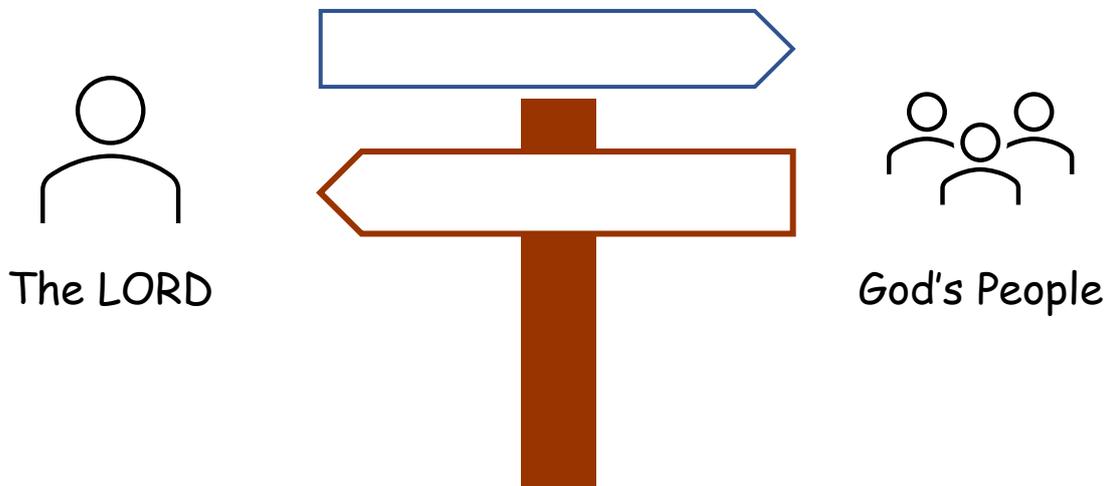
God was angry so he was coming to judge and punish everyone

Jesus died so those who trusted him could be made clean and be his people

Those who don't trust in Jesus will be judged

This picture shows what God has done to fix his covenant for those who trust in Jesus.

Write in the arrows God's special covenant promise.



Have a think about these things that God has done.

Think of some words that describe what kind of God he is:
