



A scapegoat is someone who is blamed for the wrong that someone else does.

Do you remember the two goats that were brought to the altar on the day of Atonement? This is what happened to one of those goats -

The priest asked God to place all the sins of the people on this goat.

This goat was sent out to die in the wilderness.

He was a picture to the people of what God could do with their sin when the people asked God to forgive them.

This goat was called the scapegoat. He took the blame for the sins of the people.

Do you ever make someone a scapegoat?

There is trouble in the park. There is noise and fighting. Some bushes are damaged. The park attendant comes. He sees Henry lying on one of the bushes. Someone has pushed him there. The attendant blames Henry for the damage to the bushes. Henry takes the blame. He is punished. Henry is a scapegoat. He is blamed for what many people did.