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- The top means the beginning “Alpha”.
- The 4 chains remind us of the 4 evangelists.
- The 12 bells remind us of the 12 Apostles.

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- The cross reminds us of St. Constantine and how much he loved God.
- The top bowl means Heaven.
- The firepot reminds us that we need the Holy Spirit for life and light.
- The bottom bowl reminds us of Earth.
- The base means the end “Omega”

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{Teacher's Edition}

Lesson Objective: To have children understand the reason a censer is used and what it symbolizes.

Introduction:

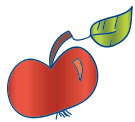
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Bible Reading:

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Censer Symbolism:



- 1 I am the Lord your God. Do not worship any god except me. The ring reminds us of God.
- 2 The top means the beginning “Alpha”. The 4 chains remind us of the 4 evangelists.
- 3 The 12 bells remind us of the 12 Apostles.
- 4 The cross reminds of St. Constantine and how much he loved God.
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- 7 The bottom bowl reminds us of Earth.
- 8 The base means the end “Omega”.

Activity:

1. Have children complete the crossword puzzle using the words given in the word bank. All the answers can be found in the lesson.

Prayer:

O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who are everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of good things and Giver of life: come and dwell in us, and cleanse us of all impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.