



## WEEK 2: FRANKINCENSE

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#### **Because Jesus is MY High Priest...**

- I am \_\_\_\_\_.
- I am \_\_\_\_\_.
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#### **Discussion Questions**

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3. Have you accepted this gift of grace? What keeps you from doing so now?

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- I am wholly forgiven.
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