



Unit 5 | Session 4

THE PEOPLE BUILT THE TABERNACLE

Exodus 35-40

God gave specific instructions for building a tabernacle. God would meet with His people in the tabernacle.

Moses told the Israelites everything God said. He asked them to bring materials. God gave two men, Bezalel and Oholiab, special skills for crafting things. The people kept bringing offerings. Pretty soon, the craftsmen told Moses, “The people are bringing more than enough.”

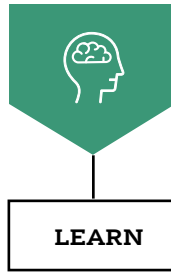
The craftsmen built the tabernacle just as God instructed. Every part had a special purpose.

Aaron put on special holy garments, and Moses anointed him to be priest.

God’s glory filled the tabernacle. If the cloud covered the tabernacle, the people would stay. When the cloud lifted from the tabernacle, the Israelites would move.

The cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle during the day, and fire was inside the cloud at night.

Christ Connection: God told the Israelites to build a tabernacle where He would dwell with them. God wants to be with His people. As part of His plan to save sinners, God sent Jesus to dwell on earth with people.



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- » Start with the first letter and write down every other letter. When you get to the last letter, move back one letter and collect the remaining letters in reverse order to discover the message.

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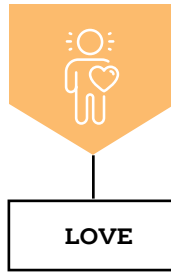
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- » What does this story teach us about God?

- » How did God make the way for us to be with Him forever?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

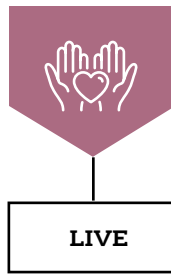
» Without a tabernacle, how can we meet with God?

» How do you feel knowing God wants a personal relationship with you?

» How does God lead His children today?

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THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Psalm 95:6-7 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, thanking God that He desires a relationship with us and for giving His Son to provide the way of spending eternity with Him.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ Matthew 27:51

☐ John 1:12

☐ 2 Peter 1:3

☐ 1 Corinthians 3:16

☐ 1 Peter 2:5

☐ Psalm 140:13

The People Built the Tabernacle

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Family Discussion Starters:

- How do we know God wants to live with His people?
- Why do you think God wants to dwell with His people?
- In what way does God live with us today?

Family Activity:

Plan a camping trip with your family. Ask your kids to help you set up the tent, and use the time to talk about the reasons God instructed His people to build the tabernacle, such as their need for a portable place to meet with Him. Ask your kids to talk about the pros and cons of meeting with God in a tent.