

PRAY

WELCOME

Welcome kids into the class. Ask them about their day, week, family, etc. Try to connect with each kid in some way.

- A. Pray that the Lord would help your kids to have faith and understand what He wants to teach from the lesson.
- B. Ask the kids if they have anything that they want to thank God for or pray for.

REVIEW

- A. Who remembers what we talked about last week?
 - 1. We learned about when the Israelites broke their covenant with God by building a golden calf to worship. God was angry and wanted to destroy the people, but Moses reminded God of His goodness and He let them live.
 - 2. Msgs asked if God would still go with them, because God being with them was the only thing that made them different than everyone else.

INTRODUCTION

Guess what guys?! This is our very last week learning about the Book of Exodus! I'm so proud of you! Today's lesson ends in a way you wouldn't expect. It ends with a bit of a cliff hanger. Grab your Bibles and turn with me to Exodus 40:24-38.

READ

- A. Have the kids grab their Bibles if they are old enough to read
- B. Read Exodus 40:34-38

34Then the cloud covered the Tabernacle, and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle. 35Moses could no longer enter the Tabernacle because the cloud had settled down over it, and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle.36Now whenever the cloud lifted from the Tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out on their journey, following it. 37But if the cloud did not rise, they remained where they were until it lifted. 38The cloud of the Lord hovered over the Tabernacle during the day, and at night fire glowed inside the cloud so the whole family of Israel could see it. This continued throughout all their journeys.

MAIN IDEA

God is perfect (holy) so He wants His people to be perfect (holy) so He can be close with them.

EXPLAIN

- A. If you guys remember a few weeks ago, we learned about when God gave Moses the blue prints to build His house - the Tabernacle. The tabernacle was the place where God's presence would live so he could live with His people.
- B. Now came the time for Moses to use those blueprints and build the tabernacle. Do you guys remember what was inside the tabernacle?
 - 1. Inside the tent was two rooms - the holy place and the most holy place. In the most holy place was the Arc of the Covenant. In the holy place there was the table of bread, the lamp stand, and the altar of incense (the special type of perfume). Then in the outer court there was the bronze bowl of water and the altar used for sacrifice.
- C. All of these things were to be built with the best materials by the best builders, the exact way God told Moses.
- D. The bowl of water was used to wash people before they could go into the tent.
- E. The only people that were allowed in the tent were the priests.
 - 1. Priests were people special close by God. The people God chose were Aaron and all of his sons. They had to wear special clothes and live very special lives to keep themselves clean.
 - 2. They were the ones who would go between God and all the rest of the normal people.
 - 3. They used the water in the bronze bowl to wash themselves.
- F. Once the Tabernacle was built, the moment we had all been waiting for happened; God's presence (in the form of a cloud) came down from the mountain and filled the Tabernacle!!
- G. Moses, who had been in the cloud of God's presence before and had always spoken directly to God, was no longer able to go into the tabernacle.
- H. The people knew when the cloud covered the Tabernacle, they were to stay where they were and not move camp, but when the cloud lifted, they knew they needed to pack up and follow God.
- I. The end.
- J. Wait, that's the end of the book?? Really? What happens? Why can't Moses go into God's presence anymore? Do the people make it to the promise land?
- K. Even though this book ends here, the story doesn't end.
- L. The Israelites break their covenant with God over and over again, and even though they didn't hold up their side of the deal, God kept His side. He stayed with them and eventually they made it to the Promised Land (Canaan), but its a long hard journey.

APPLICATION

- A. After reading and learning all that, what should we remember?
 - 1. God is holy - perfect - and wants His people to be holy - perfect - so He can be with them.
 - 2. The people broke the covenant with God, but he still decided to keep his side of the agreement.
 - 3. God loves his people so much that he wan't to live with them.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

Q: What was the Tabernacle for?

A: A place where God's presence could come and live with the people.

Q: Who was supposed to build the tabernacle and with what?

A: The best builders with the best materials.

Q: What happened when the tabernacle was fully built?

A: God's presence filled the tabernacle.

Q: What is a priest?

A: Aaron and his sons. They were the people who could go into the holy place and be the middle person between humans and God.

THANKFUL MONTH

Tell the kids that we are now in November, the month of Thanksgiving!

During snack have them go around the circle and say something they are thankful for and what their favorite thanksgiving food is.

ACTIVITY #1

Christmas Practice!!

When they release the kids, both classes will go into the Elementary classroom. Pass out bells and have the kids practice 2 times for Christmas! (Make sure they smile and sing)

COLORING PAGE

If you still have time before class is out, there is a coloring page you can have the kids work on or you can send it home with them.