

FEBRUARY 13

THE PEOPLE BUILT THE TABERNACLE (EXODUS 35-40)

RECAP

Christ Connection

God told His people to build a tabernacle where He would meet with them. God wants to be with us. As part of His plan to save people from sin, God sent Jesus to earth to be with people.

Big Picture Question:

What is worship? Worship is celebrating the greatness of God.

Key Passage Phrase:

Let us worship God. Psalm 95:6

THE GOSPEL PROJECT @HOME

FAMILY WORSHIP

Consider doing this during a designated time each week or before/after a meal together:

Read all or parts of Exodus 35-40 from the Bible, talk about the scripture, pray and do the fun activity or family serve project this week.

The Royal Standard is a unique flag that lets people know the location of the Queen of England. The flag is used to let the locals know that their queen is near them. When she is staying in Buckingham Palace, the flag flies over the palace to show that she is home. When she travels, the flag is flown over the car, plane, or other home for however long she is there. When she leaves, the flag is lowered and goes with her to the next location. With a flag that always tells people where she is, it doesn't sound like the queen would be good at hide-and-seek.

When the Israelites left Egypt, God went with His people. Like the Royal Standard that shows the queen's presence, God made His presence known by leading the people with a cloud by day and fire by night. God desired to dwell with His people, so He gave Moses instructions for building the tabernacle. This tent would be God's home to dwell among His people.

Wherever they traveled, the Israelites would set up the tabernacle in the center of camp as a powerful reminder that God was with His people. God has always wanted to be with His people. Even when sin separated Adam and Eve from God in the garden, God had a plan to be with His people. God sent His son, Jesus, to live on earth with the people. Through Jesus, all who believe can be reunited with God, and one day they will dwell with Him for all eternity.

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.

***Pray:** God, thank You for loving us with an everlasting love and always wanting to be with Your people. Even though people chose to sin against You, You sent Jesus to dwell with people. Help us trust in Him so that we can have a new life and dwell with You forever.*

FAMILY PRAYER

Mornings

Ask God to remind you of His presence throughout your day. How does God's presence bring us peace? How can our love for others be a reminder of God's desire to have a relationship with them?

Evenings

Thank God for your church. The church building, like the tabernacle, is a place where we can worship God. Also, thank God that anyone who believes in Jesus has received the Holy Spirit—God dwelling with them and in them. This means we can experience God's presence at all times in all places.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

For Fun

Use blankets and furniture to make an indoor tent. Climb into the tent and read the Bible story together. Tell stories of times when you felt God's presence with you and celebrate the fact that God wants to dwell with His people.

Supplies: blankets

To Serve

Volunteer to clean or decorate your church for an upcoming service. Work as a family to prepare the space for worship. As you work, talk with your kids about the specific instructions God gave for the tabernacle construction. Remind your kids that the Holy Spirit is God who dwells with, and in, every believer. While the church building is an important place for believers to gather, our worship of God is not limited to this space.