

JULY 6
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
BUILDING THE TABERNACLE
(EXODUS 35-40)

CHRIST CONNECTION: God wanted to be with His people, and He met with them in the tabernacle. Today when we trust in Jesus, God gives us His Holy Spirit to always be with us.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why do we need to be saved? We are sinful and need Jesus to rescue us from sin.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: There is no one like the Lord. 1 Samuel 2:2

STORY POINT: The tabernacle was built for God to be with His people.

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Ask children how they spend time with people they love. If necessary, offer suggestions to get them started.

***SAY** Name people you love and tell us what you like to do with those people. [Allow responses.] God wanted to spend time with His people. He directed them to build the tabernacle. The tabernacle was built for God to be with His people.*

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline at the end of this guide.

3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask the following review questions:

1. What did you like about the Bible story? *(Answers will vary.)*
2. What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? *(Answers will vary.)*
3. What special place did the Israelites build? *(tabernacle)*
4. How did the people help with the tabernacle? *(They gave gold, yarn, gemstones, and other items and worked together to make what was needed.)*
5. Why was the tabernacle built? *(The tabernacle was built for God to be with His people.)*
6. Why do we need to be saved? We are sinful and need Jesus to rescue us from sin.

***SAY** God's people worked hard on the tabernacle. Moses looked at all the work that had been done and knew it was done just as the LORD wanted. Wherever the people traveled, the cloud of the LORD stayed with the tabernacle during the day, and there was fire inside the cloud at night. **The tabernacle was built for God to be with His people.** We do not need a tabernacle, because when we trust and believe in Jesus we are given the Holy Spirit, who is always with us.*

7. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY Girls, say the big picture question with me, **What do we need to be saved?** Boys, say the answer, **We are sinful and need Jesus to rescue us from sin.** God told Moses to build the tabernacle so God could be with His people. We do not need a tabernacle, because when we trust and believe in Jesus we are given the Holy Spirit, who is always with us.

5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Phrase Marker at 1 Samuel 2:2. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Learn the key passage phrase while making hammering and sawing motions.

SAY God is holy. No one else is like Him. Just like how we pretended to use hammers and saws, God's people used real tools to make the tabernacle. God loved the people, and He wanted to be with them.

6. PRAY

SAY God, thank You for giving us a church where we can come together to learn about You and worship You. Amen.

ACTIVITIES

(PLEASE DO ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

PLAY A TOGETHER OR APART GAME

Tape a large square on the floor with masking tape. Gather all the children inside the square. Tell them they are together now, but when you say, "Apart" they need to all spread out around the room. Tell them they can walk, hop, or jump to get out of the square. Remind them that when you call out, "Together", they are to return to the square again. Play several times, calling the children to be together in the square and apart outside of the square.

SAY God instructed Moses and the people to build the tabernacle so He could be with them. They met together at the tabernacle. Then, the people would pack up and move to a new place. There they would set up the tabernacle again so God could be with them..

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE (please send this home with parents)

As children color review the Bible story, **SAY** God wanted to be with His people, and He met with them in the tabernacle. Today when we trust in Jesus, God gives us His Holy Spirit to always be with us..

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Exodus 35. Show the video or tell the Bible story. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers. Props in the storytelling tips are not typically provided, but feel free to bring them from home.

BUILDING THE TABERNACLE

STORYTELLING TIPS

Play out the special skills: As you tell the story, play out building, sculpting, and weaving.

See and Touch: Use props preschoolers can see and touch while telling today's Bible story. Place the following items in front of each child: a wooden block, pieces of yarn, and a piece of clay. Let the preschoolers touch the items as they listen to today's Bible story. Pause when mentioning how these items were used to build, weave, and sculpt what was needed for the tabernacle.

God commanded Moses to build a tabernacle. The tabernacle would be a special place for God to be with His people. God told Moses to invite all the Israelites to be a part of this building project.

The people gave gold, silver, and bronze so the tabernacle could be built. They gave blue, purple, and red yarn. They gave goat and ram skins and fine leather. They also gave beautiful gemstones.

Next, **Moses asked for people with special skills like building, sculpting, weaving, and designing to come help with the tabernacle.** A man named Bezalel led the construction of the

tabernacle. God gave a man named Oholiab the ability to teach others how to design, weave, and cut gems.

Bezalel, Oholiab, and many others worked hard on the tabernacle. **They made a special box, called the ark, and covered it with gold. They made a gold table, a gold lampstand, two altars, and a bronze basin, or bowl. These items would be used in the worship of God.**

They also made special clothes for Aaron and the other priests to wear. These clothes could only be worn in the tabernacle and would show that Aaron and the priests were set apart for a special work of God.

Moses inspected all the work that had been done. He saw that everything had been done just as the LORD had commanded. Moses blessed the people and then set up the tabernacle. Once it was finished, the glory of the LORD filled

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Christ Connection: God told Moses to build the tabernacle so God could be with His people. We do not need a tabernacle today, because when we trust and believe in Jesus we are given the Holy Spirit, who is always with us.

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

JULY 6
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Two Year Olds
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LEARN

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1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

SAY *I'm so glad you are with us today! Do you like being together at church with your friends and family? I like being here with you! In our Bible story we will learn how God told Moses to build a place called a tabernacle for God to be with His people.*

Let's listen to our Bible story to learn more.

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ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE ONE OR ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

PLAY AN INSTRUMENT PARTY

Guide toddlers to sit in a circle. Provide [various musical instruments \(cymbals, maracas, tambourines, etc.\)](#). Play [upbeat worship music](#) on an [electronic device](#). Lead the toddlers in worshipping God. Review the Bible story.

SAY *What were the items the people made used for? Yes! The people made the items used to worship God, but they also made special clothes for the priests to wear in the tabernacle. Moses looked at the work, blessed the people, and set up the tabernacle.*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

As children color, **SAY** *God wanted to be with His people, and He met with them in the tabernacle. Today when we trust in Jesus, God gives us His Holy Spirit to always be with us.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Open the Bible to EXODUS 35 and tell the following Bible story:

God told Moses to build a special place called a tabernacle for God to be with His people. God's people gave expensive metals, beautiful gemstones, special fabrics, and fine animal skins and leather. The people helped build the tabernacle. Some men worked together to make a special, gold-covered box. The people also made the items used to worship God and the special clothes for the priests to wear in the tabernacle. Moses looked at the work, blessed the people, and set up the tabernacle. Next, the cloud of the Lord stayed in the tabernacle during the day, and there was fire inside the cloud at night.

Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.