

Large Group

Building the Tabernacle

Bible Passage | Exodus 35-40

Memory Verse | 1 Samuel 2:2

Big Picture Question | Why do people need to be saved?
People are sinful and can't save themselves.



Countdown Video (3 mins)

Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.

Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

God has always wanted to be with people. God made Adam and Eve and met with them in the garden of Eden. Even after people sinned, God showed that He loved people and was making a way to be with them forever. Last week, we saw how the Israelites sinned by making and worshiping a golden calf instead of worshiping the one true God. But God did not destroy His people and remembered His promise to bless the world through Abraham's family. Today, we will learn that God commanded His people to build a tabernacle where God could dwell or be with His people.

Today's Lesson

God told Moses to build a place for Him to be with His people. He gave Moses instructions for building the tabernacle. He also told His people that the tabernacle should be a place of worship and a place to make sacrifices for the people's sins. Who did God invite to help build the tabernacle? [Allow responses.] God invited all the people to help build the tabernacle by giving their possessions, time, and talents. God wanted the people to give with a joyful heart. Did the people give to build the tabernacle? Yes, they even gave more than what was needed! God's people showed that God was worth giving their special treasure to. He is better than anything on this earth.

The skilled workers built the tabernacle and made all the special pieces to go inside the tabernacle. These pieces were going to be used to worship God. Even the priests had to wear special clothes when they went in the tabernacle. The people made everything as God commanded.

The tabernacle was built for God to dwell with His people. Once the tabernacle was finished, how did God make His presence known? [Allow responses.] The Bible tells us that God's glory filled the temple. God showed His love for them by dwelling with them. God revealed that He wants to be with the people He made. Through faith in Jesus, we can live with God forever.

God told Moses and the people to build the tabernacle so that He could dwell among them. We no longer need a tabernacle because those who trust in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection have been given the Holy Spirit so that God lives in us, not merely near us.

Gospel Discussion | Just as God wanted to be with His people, Israel, God wants to be with us! Those who place their faith in Jesus have their sin forgiven so they can have the Holy Spirit live inside them now and have the hope of eternal life with God forever.

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Exodus 35:4-9, 30-35; 39:32-43; 40:34-38

Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.