

Calvary Kids

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God told His people how to build the tabernacle where He would dwell with them.

Bible Passage: Exodus 35-40



MEMORY VERSE

"The Lord is my strength and my defense; He has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him."

- Exodus 15:2

**Thank you so much for watching our Calvary Kids online message today!!
Here are some fun ways to dig deeper into today's lesson with the entire family.**

1. TODAY'S BIBLE LESSON SUMMARY

- When Moses was on the mountain with God, God told Moses to build a special tent. "Make it exactly like I show you," God said. Moses asked the people to bring gifts for the tent, such as gold, silver, animal skins, wood, oil, spices, and colorful cloth. God gave two men, Bezalel and Oholiab special skills for building and creating the tent exactly as God commanded. Inside the tabernacle the people made a veil, an ark, a table and many other things which would serve special purposes, just as God wanted. When the tabernacle was completed, God told Moses how to set up the tabernacle, how to anoint it and make it holy. God had Moses anoint Aaron and his sons to serve God as priest. Moses did everything as God commanded and when the tabernacle was finished, God's cloud covered the tent. If the cloud covered the tent the people would stay put. When God's cloud lifted, the Israelites would move, follow the cloud and take the tent with them, until the cloud stopped. God's cloud was on the tabernacle during the day, and fire was inside the cloud at night. All the Israelites could see it as they traveled. God met with His people in the tent. Later, He sent Jesus to be with us.

2. EXPERIENCE THE STORY

- **Family Activity (Do the following activity together as a family to reinforce the Bible Lesson and spend time together.)**

For a fun family activity build a tent, big enough for everyone to fit in. Use blankets, sheets, pillows, or any items you have at home to build a tent. Have everyone climb into the tent and talk about how God told His people to build the tabernacle so He could meet with His people. Talk about how God wants to be with us and His plan to save us from sin was Jesus. God sent Jesus to earth to live with us. Now we can meet God anywhere, just like the tent we built together.

For older kids have them take the word "Tabernacle" and see how many words they can create from the letters found in "Tabernacle." Have everyone share their word list. Talk about what a tabernacle is (a meeting place of worship) and how God gave Moses instructions, on how to build it.

3. FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (Have a family discussion about the Bible Lesson and ask the following questions. Retell the story if needed by reading the Bible Passages from our lesson.)

1. **What did God tell the Israelites to build?** (God told His people to build the tabernacle.)
2. **What is a tabernacle?** (A tent of worship.)
3. **How did the people know to build a tabernacle?** (God told them to and gave specific instructions on how.)
4. **How were the builders able to make all the wonderful things God commanded?** (God gave Bezalel and Oholiab wisdom, understanding and skills to be the craftsman of the tabernacle.)
5. **How did the Israelites know when God's presence was in the tabernacle?** (A cloud would rest on the tabernacle.)
6. **Why do you think God wanted to dwell with His people?** (Discuss with the kids the fact that God loves us. He wants to be with us and to help us learn to love and obey Him.)
7. **How else has God come to dwell with us?** (Discuss with the kids that God sent Jesus to dwell with people. Jesus lived a perfect life, died on a cross for our sins, and rose again. Anyone who believes in Jesus and accepts

Jesus in their heart, will receive the Holy Spirit who lives with us and helps us love and obey God.)

8. Do we need a special place to worship today? (Discuss the ways we gather in buildings to worship God together, we no longer need a tabernacle or temple. We have the Holy Spirit who dwells with us, everywhere we go. Help them understand that how we worship God is more important than where we worship Him.)

4. PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE: Exodus 15:2 (Help kids memorize and understand their Bible Verse)

“The Lord is my strength and my defense; He has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise Him, my father’s God, and I will exalt Him.”

SAY: Our memory verse tells us that God is our salvation and He saves us from sin. Strength and joy come from God. When God delivered His people from Pharaoh, they worshipped God for all He had done for them. God is good and desires to be with us. God sent Jesus to earth to live with us. Jesus rescue’s us from sin and when we believe, God will change our hearts to overflow with praise for Him.

5. FAMILY REFLECTION AND PRAYER: (Time to reflect on the over arching theme of our Bible Lesson and spend time together in Prayer.)

SAY: Our lesson is about how God directed the Israelites to build a tabernacle, or tent for worship. God wants His people to worship Him, to celebrate His greatness. Through the tabernacle, God showed His people that He loved them and wanted to be with them. The tabernacle didn’t last forever but God had a plan. God wants to be with us and save people from sin. God’s plan to save people from sin is Jesus. Jesus came to earth to “tabernacle,” or live with us. Because of Jesus, we no longer have to meet with God in a tabernacle, Jesus meets us where we

Pray, spend time together in prayer as a family.

For some additional activities and discussion questions, please check out the Family Experience Page.

FAMILY EXPERIENCE

MEMORY VERSE
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“The Church Has Left The Building”, but we have not left you and your family! Please find joy and hope, its all around you wherever you go!

MAIN POINT: Exodus 35-40
God told His people how to build the tabernacle where He would dwell with them.

FAMILY TIME QUESTIONS
In the car, at mealtime, or bedtime, ask....

- Who lives with you? What is it like to live with others?
- Why would God want to live with His people? How does God dwell with His people today?
- Who came to earth to live among people and then rescue us from sin?

FAMILY ACTIVITY
Spend time as a family

- Use blankets and furniture to make an indoor tent, Climb into the tent, sing some worship songs and read the Bible together. Discuss the difference between the tabernacle and your family tent.
- For a fun family activity, have everyone go outside and look at the clouds. Talk about how the Israelites followed a cloud and Jesus left earth on a cloud.

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