



THE GOSPEL PROJECT JR. Unit 6.2 The Tabernacle Was Built

Date: Sunday October 19, 2026 **Teachers:** Abbey F (lead) Meg D

Bible Passage: Exodus 35:4–40:38 **Key Passage:** Leviticus 11:45

Props: ****bring from home:** (large bedsheet Greg), **at centre:** sheet in folder, kraft paper in black bin.

One Mouth speaking at a time (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)

Two Hands kept to myself (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)

Two Feet kept to myself (kids cross legs)

Speak Kind words like our God three in ONE!

INTRO BIBLE STORY: “Dwellings”

Greg

Play a game of Pictionary and ask the (older volunteers) to come up and draw different dwellings and the kids guess what they are. (House, apartment, tent). Today’s story is about a special tent that God instructed Moses and the people to build in the wilderness so that God could dwell with His people, because God’s goal is to... **(kids shout: BE WITH US!)**. This tent wasn’t like what we camp in, it was a special tent with beautiful fixtures and designs and materials, because God is beautiful and holy. Not like any created thing. Holy means “set apart.” God is holy, or set apart from us, in many ways. He is timeless. He has no beginning and no end. He can be in all places at once. He is all-powerful. God always does what is perfectly right. He always says what is perfectly true.

In the N.T. The Gospel writer John writes: Jesus, who is also called the Word of God became flesh and tabernacled among us. We are supposed to think about this tabernacle in the wilderness, and that God’s presence is here through Jesus. After Jesus’ resurrection Jesus said His spirit would come and we would be mini tabernacles or temples of the Holy Spirit.

BIBLESTORY VIDEO: THE TABERNACLE WAS BUILT

DISCUSSION VIDEO:

Leah

Samuel was thinking of some pretty clever ways to bring the two bugs together, but in the end, Emiliano had the best idea because it actually worked! We are disconnected from God as our source of life because of darkness and sin. What are some ways that people try but fail to get back to God on their own? [*Going to church, being a good person, giving to the poor, etc.*] How did God solve the problem of our enslavement to sin? God has always wanted to be with us. We couldn’t get to Him, so He came to us through JESUS. The Tabernacle is the way God made to BE WITH HIS PEOPLE in the Old Testament! This was to point forward to Jesus who came to BE WITH US and gave us His Spirit to BE WITH US.

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KEY PASSAGE VERSE:

“For I am the LORD who rescued you, to be your God. Be holy as I am holy.” Leviticus 11:45

I am Yahweh—Point upward.

who brought you up from the land of Egypt—Hold out left palm and walk two right fingers across.

to be your God—Lift up arms in worship.

so you must be holy—Point to kids (you).

because I am holy—Point upward (I am).

Holy means “set apart.” God is holy, or different than us. He has no beginning and no end. He can be in all places at once. He is all-powerful. God always does what is perfectly right. He always says what is perfectly true.

ACTIVITY: *“finish the pattern”* **materials:** (activity sheet)

Can you help me finish the pattern in these rows? God instructed Moses and the people to use all kinds of beautiful things to make this tent that God would dwell in because God is beautiful and Holy and he wanted to be with them.

ACTIVITY: *“The Cloud”* **materials:** (cut out cloud from construction/paper before class)

Invite preschoolers to move when you start moving the cloud and stop when you stop and raise the cloud. God wanted to be with his people and so he told them to build this special tent and His presence would rest on the tent in the form of a cloud. When the cloud was there they stayed, and when it moved they moved with it. God sent Jesus to be with us forever.

ACTIVITY: *“Memory game”* **materials:** (cut out memory pieces and glue to construction paper before class)

Play memory with the pieces, and say all of these materials were used in making God’s dwelling or in His dwelling, they are beautiful like God is beautiful.

ACTIVITY: *“Parachute fun”* **materials:** (** large flat bedsheet)

Invite children to stand in a circle, holding tightly to the edge of the sheet or parachute. Instruct them to hold tight to the parachute as they lift their hands over their head when you count to three and quickly walk inside the parachute and sit down under it. Briefly review the Bible story as you sit inside the “tent.” God told His people to build a tabernacle. The tabernacle was like a big tent where God met with His people. As part of His plan to save people from sin, God sent Jesus to earth to “tabernacle,” or meet with us.

ACTIVITY: *“Decorate a tent”* **materials:** (roll of paper)

Tape a large sheet of paper to the floor. Provide crayons for toddlers to decorate the paper, and then drape it over a table as a tent. Invite toddlers to play beneath the tent.

Your tent is beautiful. God told His people to build a special tent, and He also gave people skills to build it just right. God’s tent was beautiful. God is holy and beautiful and wants to be with us. God sent Jesus to be with us forever.

PRAY: *Thank you God that you want to be with us. Thank you for providing a way through Jesus!*