



THE GOSPEL PROJECT SR. UNIT 6.2 The Tabernacle Was Built

Date: Sunday October 19, 2025 **Teachers:** Greg M, (lead) Leah J-C (co-lead)

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.

DISMISS JR KIDS. GR.1

SR. KIDS WORK ON ACTIVITY SHEET AROUND TABLES

KEY PASSAGE VERSE:

Leah

“For I am the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. Be holy and 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).

God identified Himself as Yahweh, which is a Hebrew word for “Lord.” God deserves the name Lord because He created heaven and earth. He rules over everything, and there is no one greater than He is. The Lord is the one true God! Notice it says I brought you out to be your God, God from the beginning wants to be with us, and He gave his people commands so that they could be with Him. They were to be set apart from the people around them by obeying all of His commands.

There’s just one problem. We can’t obey all the rules God gives us. Who can keep God’s law? No one can keep God’s law perfectly except Jesus. God sent His Son, Jesus, to obey perfectly for us and give his life, in our place, so that we could receive life everlasting.

Review the story by asking the following questions:

Leah

(divide class in 2 teams/send a volunteer from each team to answer a question)

God chose the Israelites to be His people, and He wanted to be with them. God told His people to build the 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.

What did God tell the people to build? (God told His people to build the tabernacle.)

What did God give the people so they would know how to build the tabernacle? (instructions)

What did the people do when the cloud lifted from the tabernacle (They moved with it.)

What was inside the cloud of the Lord at night? (fire)

What were the Israelites supposed to do about the cloud of God’s presence when it rested (set up the tent)

What about when it lifted? (go where it guided them Ex. 40:36)

The cloud represented what? (the presence of God)

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

Greg

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 it It!” materials: (large brown piece of Kraft paper in black bin)

Leah

Spread out a large piece of brown kraft paper to make a large tent for the kids to all take turns drawing and colouring symbols on. God had special instructions for how the tabernacle was to be built because God loves symbolism and imagery and he uses these small instructions to point to his nature.

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