

# BUILDING THE TABERNACLE



## BIBLE STORY

### SNACK

Place the snack on the tables.

Pray before eating.

Talk about the Bible story as the children snack.

Lead the children to clean their places and throw away the trash.

### TALK ABOUT THE STORY

—Based on Exodus 35:4–36:37; 39:32–43

#### BIBLE STORY FOR 1s

- » God told Moses He wanted the people to build a tabernacle (tent church).
- » “Listen people. This is what God said, ‘Get ready to build a special tent church for Me.’ God wants everyone to work together,” Moses said.
- » The people listened. They went back home to gather things for the tabernacle and get ready to build.
- » All the people brought things—wood, stone, cloth, furs, and spices.
- » Moses was glad the people worked together to build the tabernacle.

#### BIBLE STORY FOR 2s

- » God told Moses: “Tell the people to build a tabernacle (tent church).”
- » Moses called all the people together and told them what God said.
- » Moses told the people there would be different jobs for the people to do. The people needed to work together to do what God said to do.
- » The people went home to gather their offerings and get ready to build.
- » Some brought jewelry and ornaments. Others brought purple, red, and blue cloth. Others brought oils and spices. The people began to work.
- » So many people helped that Moses said, “Stop bringing gifts. We have all we need for the tabernacle.”
- » Moses was glad the people worked together to build the tabernacle.

### ROOM

### YOUR TEACHING PARTNER(S)

### DATE OF USE

### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

People at church sing, talk to God, and listen to Bible stories.

### LIFE POINT

People at church learn and work together.

### UNIT VERSE

Come, let us worship God.  
*Psalm 95:6*

### WEEKLY VERSE

We will do everything God says. *Exodus 24:3*



## BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

### SONG

Sing to the tune of “London Bridge”:

*God told people, “Build a church,”  
Build a church, build a church.”  
God told people, “Build a church.  
Build a tent church.”  
People brought gifts for the church,  
For the church, for the church.  
People brought gifts for the church.  
For the tent church.*

### MAKE FABRIC TENTS

**Gather:** Large index cards, fabric scraps, glue sticks, scissors, ruler

**Do:** Cut fabric in 1-inch squares. Fold cards in half.

- » Place all materials on a low table.
- » Tell the children: “Let’s make tents. Glue fabric pieces to one side of your card.”
- » Assist the children to glue fabric to their tents.
- » Recall that people brought offerings of fabric to help build the tent church.
- » Help the children fold their cards to make tents.

### PLAY “TEACHER SAYS”

- » Invite the children to an open area of the room.
- » Explain that you will give an instruction and the children will follow the instruction.
- » Give instructions such as, “Clap three times. Hop. Pat your head. Walk backwards three steps.”
- » Recall the people did what God told them to do when they gave offerings and built a tent church.

### UNCOVER WORDS

**Gather:** Printables: “Bible Markers” (Exodus 24:3); scarves or pieces of fabric, 7 sheets of construction paper, marker, scissors

**Do:** Write each word of the Weekly Verse on a separate sheet of paper. Tape a piece of fabric over each word for a flap to be lifted. Cut apart today’s Weekly Verse.

- » Place the papers on the floor in the correct order and lay the Bible Marker nearby.
- » Invite a child to lift each flap. Read aloud the words as the child reveals the words.

- » Repeat the verse together.
- » Recall the people did what God said and built a tent church.

### SMELL SPICES

**Gather:** Printables: “Allergy Alert”; 4 different spices (garlic powder, nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves, and so on.), 4 small containers, plastic wrap, rubber bands or tape, tray, sharpened pencil

**Do:** Post the Allergy Alert listing the spices used and rubber bands if used. Pour a small amount of each spice in a small container. Cover each container with plastic wrap and secure in place with the rubber bands or tape. Use the pencil to poke several small holes in the tops of the plastic wrap.

- » Place the containers on the tray and set it on a low table.
- » Encourage the children to smell each spice, one container at a time.
- » Talk about how each smells and looks.
- » Recall that the people brought offerings of spices to the tabernacle.

### WORK A SHAPE SORTER

**Gather:** Shape sorter

- » Place the shape sorter on the floor and scatter the shapes nearby.
- » Challenge the toddlers to put the shapes in the matching holes.
- » Say that there are all kinds of different shapes.
- » Recall that the people brought all kinds of offerings to build the tent church.
- » Mention that the people worshiped God inside the tent church when it was finished, and we can worship God and Jesus when we go to church.

### CLEAN UP

Lead the children to clean the room.

### DISMISS

Place the children’s items inside their diaper bags. Remind the parents to do the activities and review the Bible story this week on the Kids Activity Page.