

BUILDING THE TABERNACLE



TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

SNACK

Include the children in the distribution of the snack. Ask for one or more volunteers to pray. Lead the boys and girls to clean up after the snack.

MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Scatter 12-inch pieces of yarn and blocks around the room. Instruct children to find a piece of yarn or wood and bring what they found to group time.

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

BUILDING THE TABERNACLE—BASED ON EXODUS 35:4–36:37; 39:32–43

- » Invite the children to name what they brought to group time and put it in a basket or bag. Suggest they listen for how those items were used in today's story.

SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

- » Moses told the people, "God said to bring an offering to help build the tabernacle." The tabernacle was a special tent where people worshiped God.
- » Moses told the people what to bring to build the tabernacle.
- » Some people brought gold jewelry; gemstones; red, blue, and purple yarn; fine linen; and animal skins. Other people brought wood, oil, and spices.
- » God chose special men to design and make everything for the tabernacle.
- » According to God's directions, they built a special wooden box covered in gold. The special box was called the ark of the covenant.
- » The stone tablets with the Ten Commandments written on them were kept in the ark of the covenant.
- » Moses looked at everything the workers made. They had made everything just as God had said.

REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

- » Who told the people God said to bring an offering?
- » What did the people build?
- » What things did the people bring as offerings to help build the tabernacle?

EMPHASIZE THE LIFE POINT

- » Tell the children that people at church learn and work together.

ROOM

YOUR TEACHING PARTNER(S)

DATE OF USE

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

People at church worship by singing, talking to God, and listening 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*

SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of the chorus of “Bingo”:

**Work, work, work together
Work, work, work together.
Work, work, work together.
We will work together.*

**Substitute the words build, pray, and sing as you sing the song additional times.*

SAY THE BIBLE VERSE

Help the children open Bibles to Exodus 24. Point to verse 3 and tell them this is where our verse is today. Repeat the Weekly Verse. Tell the children to lay their Bibles on the floor and clap while repeating the verse with you.

PRAY

Guide the children to name things they work on together at church. Suggest things like putting toys away, serving snacks, and taking turns. Lead the preschoolers to say a prayer thanking God we can work together to worship.

BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Emphasize: People at church learn and work together.

- 1. Go on a walk.** Go on a walk to see people at church learning about God. Remind the boys and girls how people worked together to build a tabernacle. They would worship and learn about God in the tabernacle. Encourage the children to move quietly through the church. Stop at a room and look in to see people learning about God. Ask the preschoolers if they see the people using their Bibles. Say a prayer thanking God for a church where they can learn and work together. (Follow your church’s guidelines for leaving the room.)
- 2. Discover hidden words.** Write *Work Together* on white paper using a white crayon. Assist in putting on painting smocks. Guide the children to use watercolor paints to paint their white paper to discover hidden words. Comment when you see the words begin to appear on their papers. Point to the words and read them aloud. Recall how the people in today’s Bible story worked together to build a tabernacle.

3. Dress in Bible times clothing. Lay Bible times clothes out for the children to explore. Assist the children in putting things on. Tell how God wanted the people in today’s Bible story to learn and work together. Ask the preschoolers to recall today’s Bible story and play out building the tabernacle together. Open the Bible to the verse marker in Exodus 24:3 and repeat the verse.

4. Make a fabric collage. Provide scraps of red, blue, and purple fabric; glue; paintbrushes; painting smocks, and heavyweight white paper. Pour glue in the bottom of a small cup and add a few drops of water to thin it enough to spread with a paintbrush. Suggest the children put glue on their papers with a paintbrush and then stick pieces of fabric to their papers to make fabric collages. Tell about the fabric curtains in the tabernacle. Remind the boys and girls the special workers made curtains from red, blue, and purple yarn. They worked together. People at church learn and work together.

CLEAN UP

Tell the children it is time to work together to clean up. Move around the room guiding and praising the boys and girls as they work.

WALK IN A HULA HOOP

Invite the children to play a game with you. Tell them they will need to work together with a friend. Tape a line across the room with painter’s tape and lay a Bible on the floor at the end of the path. Guide two children to stand inside a hula hoop and work together to walk on the tape path. When all the preschoolers who want to play have walked on the path, sit on the floor with them and open the Bible to Exodus 35. Tell the Bible story about people who worked together to build the tabernacle.

DISMISS

Help children gather their papers and belongings. Thank them for coming. Remind parents to review the Bible story on the Kids Activity Page.