

CHILDREN MINISTRY

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Lessons for Children
aged 0-12 Years

GOD WITH US

Learning from the SANCTUARY light

“And let them make me a sanctuary;
that I may dwell among them.”

Exodus 25:8 (KJV)

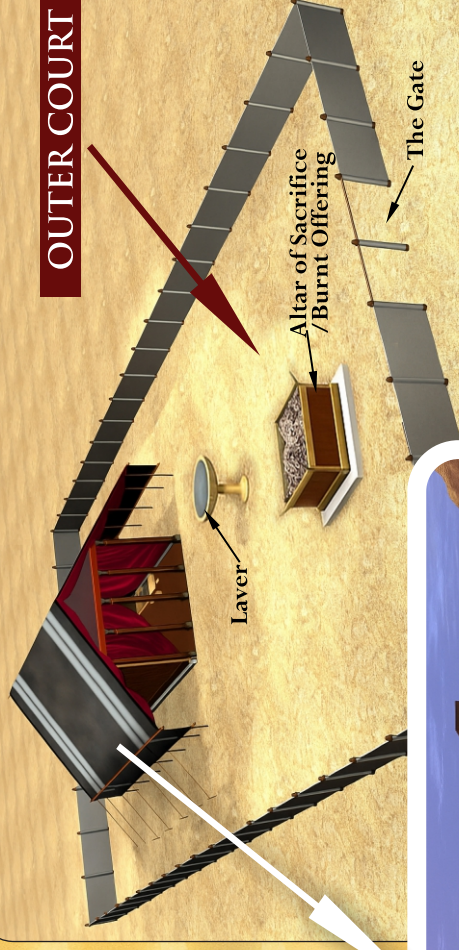
Series **1**

GOD'S TENT WITH US
THE STRUCTURE OF THE SANCTUARY

PARTS OF THE SANCTUARY

The Sanctuary was built so that God could live among His people and teach them about His great plan of love and salvation. It had three main parts — the **Outer Court**, the **Holy Place**, and the **Most Holy Place**.

OUTER COURT



In the Outer Court stood the **Altar of Sacrifice / Burnt Offering** and the **Laver**.

In the Holy Place were the **Table of Showbread**, the **Golden Lampstand**, and the **Altar of Incense**.

Beyond the **Veil**, in the **Most Holy Place**, was the **Ark of the Covenant**, which contained the *Ten Commandments*, *Aaron's rod that budded*, and a *pot of manna*. Above the Ark was the **Mercy Seat**, where God's presence rested in shining *Shekinah* glory.

THE TABERNACLE

HOLY PLACE

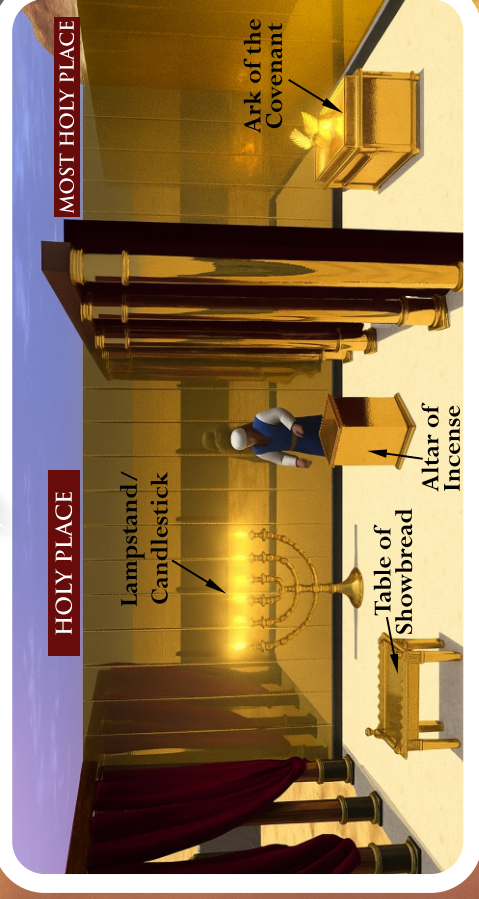
Lampstand/
Candlestick

Table of
Showbread

Altar of
Incense

MOST HOLY PLACE

Ark of the
Covenant



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Every part of the Sanctuary shows how much God loves us. As you read and do each activity, may your heart shine with the light of Jesus! From the courtyard to the Most Holy Place, every lesson tells a story of His love. Walk through His Tent with joy and let His light guide your heart.



INTRODUCTION TO THE SANCTUARY

THEME: GOD'S PLAN TO SAVE US



KEY VERSE

Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary:
who is so great a God as our God?"
-Psalm 77:13

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Genesis 3:15, 21
Exodus 25:8
Psalm 77:13

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- 1) Understand that sin separated people from God in the beginning.
- 2) Learn that the Sanctuary shows God's complete plan of salvation.
- 3) See how sin is forgiven and removed through Jesus.
- 4) Realize that every part of the Sanctuary points to Jesus and His saving work.

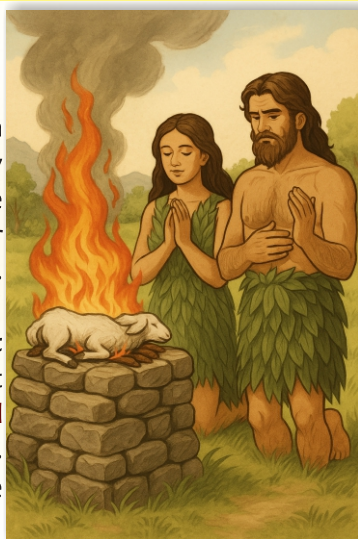
STORY STARTER

The Lost Friendship

Adam and Eve once walked and talked with God in the beautiful Garden of Eden. But when they disobeyed Him, sin entered the world and broke their friendship with God. They had to leave their home, and they could no longer see Him face to face. Before they left, God gave them a promise:

"I will put enmity between thee and the woman... it shall bruise thy head." - Genesis 3:15. This was the first promise **that a Savior would come to defeat sin and Satan.** Then God showed Adam what sin really costs. He asked him to offer a lamb as a sacrifice -the first sacrifice ever made.

As Adam obeyed, he learned that sin brings death, but also that someone innocent would die in the sinner's place. **(See Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 68.1)** That first sacrifice was the beginning of the plan of redemption—God's way to save His children and bring them back to Himself through Jesus



BIBLE STORY AND LESSON



As time passed, people forgot God's plan and tried to invent their own ways to worship. Some even turned to idols. (See **Patriarchs and Prophets**, p. 364.3) So God called Moses and said: **“Let them make Me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.”-Exodus 25:8** The word **“Sanctuary”** means **“a holy place”**—a place where people could meet with God and be sanctified (made holy). It was a beautiful tent that showed how God forgives sin and changes hearts.

THE SANCTUARY WAS ALSO A LIVING PICTURE OF THE ENTIRE PLAN OF SALVATION



Altar of Sacrifice/ Burnt Offering

Sin brings death

Jesus, the Lamb of God,
died for our sins



Bronze Laver

Cleansing from Sin

Jesus washes and
renews us



The Holy Place

Daily fellowship with God

Jesus helps us grow through
Prayer, His Word and His Light



The Most Holy Place

God's Presence and Mercy

Jesus intercedes for us
before God's throne

THE JOURNEY OF SIN AND FORGIVENESS

When a person sinned, they brought a lamb to the sanctuary.

1. The sinner placed a hand on the lamb's head and confessed their sin.

- This symbolized that the sin was transferred from the sinner to the lamb.

2. The lamb was then sacrificed

- Its blood carried the record of sin

3. The priest took the blood inside the sanctuary

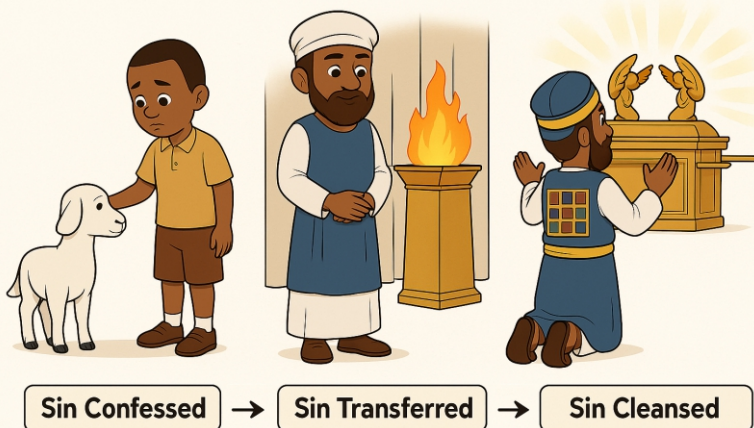
- symbolically transferring the sin into the sanctuary itself

4. Day after day, sins were symbolically stored there until the Day of Atonement, when all sins were cleansed and removed.

This showed that God's plan does not just forgive sin, but also cleanses and removes it completely — just as Jesus does for us.

“And he shall make an atonement for the holy place... because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel.” — Leviticus 16:16

The Sanctuary was like a heavenly classroom, teaching God's people that sin separates, sacrifice restores, and cleansing renews. it!



KEY MESSAGE

The Sanctuary shows **God's whole plan of salvation** — how He forgives our sins through Jesus, cleanses our hearts, and makes us holy. Every item pointed to Jesus — **our Savior, our Priest, and our Friend.**

I can:

- Thank Jesus for dying to save me.
- Ask God to forgive and cleanse me from sin.
- Live each day close to Jesus, letting Him make me holy.

REVIEW QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1) Who made the first sacrifice after sin entered the world?

Adam, as God instructed him.

2) What promise did God give in Genesis 3:15?

That a Savior would come to defeat sin and Satan.

3) Why did God tell Moses to build a sanctuary?

So His people could learn His plan to save them and feel His presence near.

4) What does the word “sanctuary” mean?

A holy place — a place where God makes His people holy.

5) How was sin removed from the sanctuary?

On the Day of Atonement, when all confessed sins were cleansed away.

6) Who does every part of the sanctuary represent? Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Did You Know!



It took about six months to build the Sanctuary! The people brought their best gifts gold, silver, wood, and colorful cloth, and worked carefully to follow God's instructions exactly as He gave them to Moses. (Read PP 349.4) God's people built the Sanctuary with love and obedience — and when it was finished, God's glory filled it!



CLOSING PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for showing us Your wonderful plan to save us through Jesus. Thank You for the Sanctuary that teaches us how You forgive, cleanse, and live among us. Please come into our hearts and make us holy like You. In Jesus' name, Amen

GOD'S DWELLING AMONG HIS PEOPLE

THEME: GOD LIVES WITH HIS PEOPLE



KEY VERSE

And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. -**Exodus 25:8**

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Exodus 25:8
Exodus 40:33–38
John 1:14
1 Corinthians 6:19

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- 1) Understand that God has always desired to live close to His people.
- 2) Learn how God's presence filled the Sanctuary in the wilderness.
- 3) See that Jesus came to live among us, showing God's love.
- 4) Know that today, God dwells in us through the Holy Spirit.

STORY STARTER

The Visitor Who Stayed

One sunny morning, Leah and her brother Joel heard a knock on the door. It was their grandmother! “I’ve come to stay with you for a while,” she said with a warm smile. The children were thrilled! Grandma’s visit was always the best — her stories, her laughter, and her love filled the whole house.

But this time was different. Grandma wasn’t just visiting, **she was moving in!** They helped her unpack, made her room cozy, and from that day on, the house felt full of joy and comfort.



Just like Grandma didn’t want to only visit, God never wanted to just visit His people either. He has always wanted to live with them. That’s why He told Moses to build the sanctuary, a special home where His presence could dwell among His children.

BIBLE STORY AND LESSON



When God freed the Israelites from Egypt, He didn't want them to feel alone in the desert. He said to Moses: *"Let them make Me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them."* - Exodus 25:8. The people worked joyfully. They brought gold, silver, cloth, wood, and oil. Skilled workers followed God's instructions carefully. When everything was finished, something amazing happened *"Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle."* — Exodus 40:34. A shining cloud rested above the sanctuary by day, and a pillar of fire glowed above it at night. Everyone could see that God's presence was right there, living among them. But this wasn't just for Israel long ago. God still wanted to dwell with His people in every age. **Many years later, Jesus came to earth not as a bright cloud, but as a humble man.** *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us."* - John 1:14. The word **"dwelt"** means **"to live in a tent"** or **"to tabernacle."** **Jesus came to be God's living sanctuary showing His love, His light, and His character to the world.** Today, God still wants to live close to His children, this time, in our hearts. *"Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you...?"* - 1 Corinthians 6:19. When we let God live in us through His Spirit, our lives become a place where His presence shines just like the sanctuary of old.

God Himself directed the building of His house, that the people might have a visible token of His presence. He would teach them through symbols that He would dwell among them as their protector and friend.

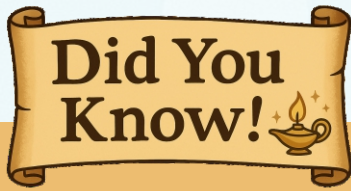


KEY MESSAGE

From the desert tabernacle to Jesus' birth, and now through the Holy Spirit, God has always wanted to live with His people.

I can:

- **Welcome God into my heart every day.**
- **Make my home a place where His love shines.**
- **Remember that wherever I go, God's presence goes with me.**



When God told Moses to build the sanctuary, He gave him the design while Moses was on Mount Sinai for 40 days! Every little detail -the colors, furniture, and materials-came directly from God Himself. The sanctuary was like a picture book about God's love, showing how He planned to live among His people.



REVIEW QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1) Why did God tell Moses to build a sanctuary?

So He could live among His people.

2) How did God show that He was there?

His glory filled the tabernacle—a cloud by day and fire by night.

3) Who came later to live among us and show God's love?

Jesus Christ.

4) Where does God live today?

In our hearts, through His Holy Spirit.

5) What should we do when we remember God is living with us?

Love Him, obey Him, and share His love with others.

CLOSING PRAYER

“Dear God, thank You for wanting to live with Your people — from the sanctuary in the wilderness to Jesus on earth, and now in our hearts through Your Spirit. Help us to welcome You every day and to shine Your love wherever we go. In Jesus' name, Amen.”

THE THREE PARTS OF THE SANCTUARY

Outer Court, Holy Place and Most Holy Place

THEME: EVERY PART OF GOD'S HOUSE SHOWS HIS PLAN TO SAVE US



KEY VERSE

For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. -**Hebrews 9:24**

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Exodus 26:33

Exodus 27

Exodus 30:17–19

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- 1) Identify the three main parts of the sanctuary and understand what each represented.
- 2) Realize that every part of the sanctuary teaches us something about Jesus and His love.
- 3) Understand that God's plan of salvation is shown through the sanctuary's structure.
- 4) Choose to walk with God daily by confessing sin, reading His Word, praying, and sharing His light.

STORY STARTER

The Three Rooms

Sarah loved visiting her grandmother's house. One day, Grandma said, "Let me show you something special." She led Sarah through three rooms. The first was the **kitchen**, where meals were cooked and the family shared laughter. The second was the **study room**, where Grandma read her Bible and prayed each morning. The third was her **bedroom**, a quiet place of rest and peace. Then Grandma said, "**Each room has a special purpose, just like the parts of God's house — the sanctuary. Every part teaches us how we can live close to God.**" Just like Grandma's rooms had different purposes, the sanctuary also had three parts — the Courtyard, the Holy Place, and the Most Holy Place — each showing how God wants to save us and live close to us.

BIBLE STORY AND LESSON



The sanctuary was divided into three main parts, each with special meaning and lessons about God's plan to save us.

1. THE COURTYARD — A Place of Forgiveness

In the Courtyard were two important items:

The Altar of Sacrifice (Exodus 27:1–8) Where animals were sacrificed, showing that sin brings death and that Jesus, the Lamb of God, would give His life for our sins. *“Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”* — John 1:29



The Bronze Basin (Laver) (Exodus 30:17–19) Where the priests washed before serving, showing the need for cleansing before coming near to God. *“Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.”* — Psalm 51:7



Lesson: When we do wrong, we can ask Jesus to forgive us — He already paid the price. Before we serve God, we should ask Him to make our hearts clean and pure.

2. THE HOLY PLACE — A Place to Grow with God

This section had three pieces of furniture:

The Lampstand (Exodus 25:31, 37) Reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the World. *“As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world”* - John 9:5



The Table of Showbread (Exodus 25:23–30) Reminds us that God's Word is our daily food. *“And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.”* - John 6:35



The Altar of Incense (Exodus 30:1–10) Reminds us that our prayers rise up to God. *“Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice”* - Psalm 141:2



Lesson: We grow closer to God every day when we pray, read the Bible, and share His light with others.

3. THE MOST HOLY PLACE — A Place of God's Presence

This was the innermost room, which had one item;

The Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 25:10–22)

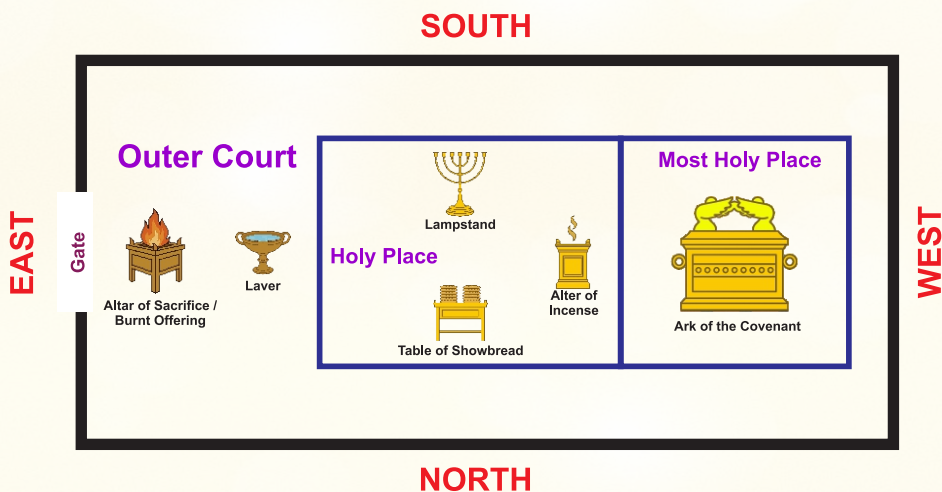
It represented God's throne and His presence among His people.



When Jesus died, **the veil** that separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place was torn from top to bottom (Matthew 27:51), showing that the way to God is now open through Jesus.

Lesson: Because of Jesus, we can come to God anytime in prayer.

The Sanctuary was always set up facing east to west. The entrance gate faced east, so that when the priests and people came in to worship, they walked toward the west — toward God's presence in the Most Holy Place. This showed that when we come to God, we turn our backs on the east, where the sun rises — a reminder to turn away from false worship and come toward the true God, who lives in the Most Holy Place.





Moses made the earthly sanctuary, "according to the fashion that he had seen...That sanctuary, in which Jesus ministers in our behalf, is the great original, of which the sanctuary built by Moses was a copy. -**Patriarchs & Prophets 357.1**

KEY MESSAGE

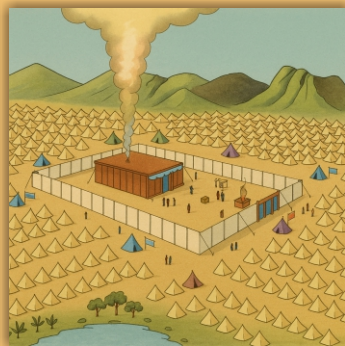
The three parts of the sanctuary -the Courtyard, Holy Place, and Most Holy Place, show God's full plan to save us, help us grow, and live with us forever.

I can:

- Confess my sins and ask Jesus for forgiveness.
- Grow closer to God by reading the Bible and praying every day.
- Remember that God's presence is always with me wherever I go.



The Israelites' camp was shaped like a giant square with the sanctuary in the very middle. Every tribe set up its tents facing God's tent -the Tabernacle. This showed that God wanted to be at the center of their lives not far away, but right where they lived and slept!



REVIEW QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

7. Review Questions and Answers

- 1) How many parts did the sanctuary have? Three.
- 2) What were the three parts called? The Courtyard, Holy Place, and Most Holy Place.
- 3) What did the Courtyard teach about? Forgiveness through Jesus.
- 4) What was in the Holy Place? Lampstand, Table of Showbread, and Altar of Incense.
- 5) What was in the Most Holy Place? The Ark of the Covenant
- 6) What happened to the veil when Jesus died? It was torn from top to bottom, showing that the way to God is open.

CLOSING PRAYER

"Dear Jesus, thank You for showing us through the sanctuary how much You love us. Help us to come to You for forgiveness, to grow with You every day, and to always live in Your presence. Amen."

THE GATE OF THE COURTYARD

THEME: JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO GOD



KEY VERSE

I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." -**John 10:9**

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Exodus 38:9–20

John 10:9

John 14:6

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- 1) Recognize that Jesus is the only way to God and to salvation.
- 2) Understand that the single gate of the courtyard pointed to Jesus as the Door to eternal life.
- 3) Discover the meaning of the gate's colors and materials and how they reveal Christ's character.
- 4) Choose to follow Jesus faithfully and live under His righteousness each day.

STORY STARTER

Building God's House

When the Israelites were in the wilderness, God said to Moses, “Let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.” (Exodus 25:8). The people were excited! They brought gold, silver, wood, and fine linen to help build the beautiful tent where God would live among them.



Because they often traveled, this “church” had to be a tent they could carry wherever they went. At the front of the courtyard was **a single, beautiful gate woven with white, blue, purple, and red threads.** That one gate was the only way inside reminding everyone that there is only one way to come to God: through Jesus Christ. **Just as there was only one way to enter the sanctuary, there is only one way to come to God — Jesus, the Door of salvation.**

BIBLE STORY AND LESSON



1. The Courtyard and Its Gate

- The courtyard was surrounded by **white linen** (Exodus 38:16), showing Jesus' pure and sinless life.
- There was only one **gate** — teaching that there is only one way to reach God, through Jesus (John 10:9; John 14:6).



2. The Pillars and Curtains

- The gate's **pillars** were made from acacia wood covered with bronze, strong but humble materials. This shows how believers, though weak, are made strong and shining through Christ's righteousness.
- **Silver hooks** held everything together, showing unity in Christ.

3. The Colors of the Gate

Each color had a special meaning about Jesus:

White — His purity and righteousness (Revelation 19:8)

Blue — Obedience and loyalty to God's law (Numbers 15:38–40).

Red (Scarlet) — The blood and sacrifice of Jesus (Hebrews 9:22).

Purple — Royalty; Jesus our King (Revelation 19:16).



FUN FACT!

MIXING BLUE AND RED MAKES PURPLE



This reminds us that God's law (blue) and Christ's sacrifice (red) come together in Jesus, our royal Savior (purple). Christ is the door to the fold of God. Through Him, and through Him alone, can we have access to God.

KEY MESSAGE

The one gate of the sanctuary teaches us that Jesus is the only way to God. Every color, pillar, and thread tells us something about His love, sacrifice, and kingship.

I can:

- Pray every day for Jesus to cover me with His righteousness.
- Open my heart to Him and let Him live in me (Revelation 3:20).
- Keep my heart and surroundings clean and orderly, showing that Jesus lives with me.

REVIEW QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- 1) What surrounded the sanctuary courtyard? Fine white linen.
- 2) How many gates led into the courtyard? Only one.
- 3) What did the gate represent? Jesus, the only way to God.
- 4) What were the pillars made of? Acacia wood covered with bronze.
- 5) What does the red color represent? The blood and sacrifice of Jesus.



The three parts of the sanctuary the Courtyard, Holy Place, and Most Holy Place were arranged in a straight line. If you looked from above, the items layout formed a cross shape, pointing to the great sacrifice Jesus would make many years later. Even the design of God's house showed that Jesus is the center of everything!



CLOSING PRAYER

“Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be the only way to You. Help me to follow Him faithfully and be clothed in His righteousness every day. In Jesus' name, Amen.”

THE ALTAR OF SACRIFICE

JESUS THE LAMB OF GOD



THEME:

GOD FORGIVES US THROUGH JESUS



KEY VERSE

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

-John 3:16

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Exodus 27:1–8

Leviticus 4:27–31

1 John 1:9

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- 1) Understand that the altar of sacrifice represents Jesus' death for our sins.
- 2) Realize that forgiveness and salvation come only through Jesus, the Lamb of God.
- 3) Appreciate the meaning of the altar's fire, horns, and sacrifice as symbols of God's love and mercy.
- 4) Choose to confess sins, forgive others, and live each day in gratitude to Jesus for His sacrifice.

STORY STARTER

The First Thing You See

When the Israelites entered the sanctuary courtyard, the first thing they saw was a large **bronze altar**. It stood tall about eight feet wide and high with fire burning on top of it. **Every morning and evening, a priest brought a perfect little lamb.** The lamb was killed and placed on the altar, and its body was burned. The people watched quietly, remembering that sin brings death someone innocent had to take the punishment. **That lamb pointed to Jesus, the true Lamb of God,** who would one day die for everyone's sins. Moses reminded the people, **"When you bring a sacrifice, you are showing faith in the One who will come God's own Son"**. Even though it was sad that Jesus would die, the people were thankful that His love was strong enough to save them, Just as the Israelites prayed morning and evening, we too can pray daily asking Jesus to forgive us



help us do right, and keep us close to Him. **The altar of sacrifice was the first thing you met in the sanctuary, just as forgiveness is the first step when we come to God. Jesus, our perfect Lamb, gave His life so we could live forever**

BIBLE STORY AND LESSON



1. The Altar and Its Meaning

- The altar was the **first item** in the sanctuary courtyard it showed that **forgiveness comes before fellowship with God.**
- Made from **acacia wood covered with bronze**, it showed that **Jesus took our human nature (wood) yet remained strong and sinless (bronze).**
- The **fire** on the altar never went out, **showing that God's mercy and love are always burning for His people.**



2. The Sacrifice and Forgiveness

- When someone sinned, they brought an animal to the altar, laid their hands on it, and confessed their sins. This showed faith in God's promise to forgive.
- The lamb represented Jesus, the innocent sacrifice who took our sins.
- The priest then placed the sacrifice on the altar a symbol that sin's punishment had been carried out through a substitute.
- The fire symbolized the Holy Spirit, who completely consumes sin and purifies the heart.
- When the offering was burned, only ashes remained -showing that sin was gone forever, destroyed by God's power.
- The ashes were taken outside the camp, reminding the people that their sins were completely removed through God's grace.

3. The Four Horns of the Altar

- Each corner had a horn, representing power and salvation through Christ (Psalm 18:2).
- The four horns also show that Jesus' sacrifice reaches the whole world north, south, east, and west.

4. The Fire and the Holy Spirit

- The holy fire (Leviticus 9:24) symbolized the Holy Spirit burning away sin from our lives, making us pure and ready to serve God.



Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. "With His stripes we are healed. -**The Desire of Ages, p. 25.2**

KEY MESSAGE

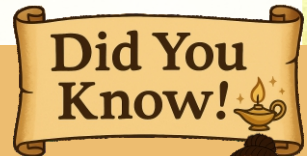
The Altar of Sacrifice points to Jesus, who gave His life so that we can be forgiven. When we confess our sins, He forgives us completely and gives us a new heart. **That moment when God declares us forgiven is called justification.** The altar teaches us that Jesus died in our place so we can be forgiven and free. **Every fire, horn, and sacrifice tells the story of His great love.**

I can:

- Pray to Jesus and confess my sins.
- Forgive others just as Jesus forgives me.
- Bring my offerings to God with a thankful heart.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help me obey and do what is right.



The very first fire that burned on the Altar of Sacrifice didn't come from people it came from God Himself! When the tabernacle was first set up, fire came down from heaven and lit the altar (Leviticus 9:24). From that day on, the priests were to keep God's fire burning continually a sign that His love and forgiveness never stop.



REVIEW QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- 1) What did the altar of sacrifice represent? Jesus' death on the cross
- 2) Who did the lamb represent? Jesus, the Lamb of God
- 3) What was the altar made of? Acacia wood covered with bronze
- 4) How many horns were on the altar? Four
- 5) What did the horns represent? Power and salvation through Christ
- 6) What did the fire on the altar symbolize? The Holy Spirit cleansing us from sin
- 7) What did the ashes remind the people of? That sin was destroyed and taken away.

THE BRONZE BASIN (LAVER)



THEME:

GOD MAKES US CLEAN



KEY VERSE

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
- Psalm 51:2

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Exodus 30:18–19

John 3:1–5

Matthew 3:13–17

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- 1) Understand that the laver was the place where priests washed before serving God, showing that cleansing from sin is necessary before coming into His presence.
- 2) Recognize that true cleansing comes only through Jesus, who washes away our sins.
- 3) Appreciate that baptism and daily prayer remind us of the cleansing power of God's forgiveness.
- 4) Choose to ask God each day to wash their hearts clean and help them live pure, honest, and obedient lives.

STORY STARTER

Aaron Washes Before Serving

Every morning, before Aaron and the priests entered the tabernacle to serve, they stopped at the bronze basin filled with clear water. Aaron looked into the shining water and saw his own reflection. Quietly, he washed his hands and feet as God had commanded. Only after washing could he go into the Holy Place to light the lamps or burn the incense. It was a sacred reminder that those who serve God must be clean — not just on the outside, but in their hearts too. **Just like Aaron and the priests, we must be washed and made clean before we come close to God. Jesus washes our hearts from sin so that we can serve Him with pure hands and hearts.**





1. The Laver's Purpose

- God told Moses to **make a bronze basin (laver)** and place it in the courtyard between the altar of burnt offering and the entrance to the Holy Place (Exodus 30:18–19).
- The priests were to **wash their hands and feet** before offering sacrifices or entering the tabernacle. If they did not wash, they would die showing how important cleansing was before serving God.
- The laver was **made from the mirrors** of the women of Israel (Exodus 38:8). As the priests washed, they could see their reflection a reminder to examine their hearts before serving God.

2. The Meaning of the Laver

- The laver stood between the altar (forgiveness) and the tabernacle (God's presence), teaching that **cleansing comes after forgiveness and before fellowship with God**.
- The water represented spiritual cleansing a pure heart made ready for worship and service.
- The shiny bronze reflected the priest's image, reminding us to look into our hearts and ask, **“Am I clean before God?”**

3. Jesus and Cleansing

- Jesus told Nicodemus that we must be *“born of water and of the Spirit”* to enter God's kingdom (John 3:5).
- Baptism shows that our sins are washed away and that we begin a new life with Jesus (Matthew 3:13–17).
- Just as water washes dirt away, **Jesus' blood washes away sin**, making our hearts clean and pure.

4. Our Daily Cleansing

- The priests washed often reminding us that we **need to come to Jesus every day for cleansing**.
- When we confess our sins, **God forgives us and gives us a clean heart**.
- Through the Holy Spirit, He helps us live pure, honest, and obedient lives.

Our condition through sin is unnatural, and the power that restores us must be supernatural, else it has no value. There is but one power that can break the hold of evil from the hearts of men, and that is the power of God in Jesus Christ. **Only through the blood of the Crucified One is there cleansing from sin.** His grace alone can enable us to resist and subdue the tendencies of our fallen nature... -MH 428.3



KEY MESSAGE

The laver teaches us that God makes us clean when we confess our sins and accept Jesus' forgiveness. Just as water washes away dirt, Jesus' blood washes away sin and gives us a new heart ready to love and serve Him.

I can:

- Pray every day and ask Jesus to forgive and cleanse my heart.
- Be honest and admit when I do wrong.
- Live cleanly not only in body, but in thoughts, words, and actions.
- Remember my baptism and choose daily to walk with Jesus.

When Solomon built the temple, he made a huge basin of water to replace the laver in the tabernacle. It was called "**The Sea**" because it was so big it could hold about **60,000 litres of water!** It rested on the backs of twelve bronze oxen, three facing each direction, showing that God's cleansing power reaches the whole world. (1 Kings 7:23-26)

Did You Know!



REVIEW QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1) Where was the laver located?

In the courtyard, between the altar and the Holy Place.

2) What was the laver made from?

Polished bronze made from the mirrors of the women of Israel.

3) Who washed at the laver? The priests and the High Priest.

4) What did they wash? Their hands and feet.

5) What does the laver symbolize today? Baptism and forgiveness of sins.

6) Why was it important for the priests to wash?

To show that only clean hearts can come before God.



Did You Know!



In Solomon's temple, there wasn't just one laver there were ten smaller ones in addition to the giant "Sea"! The priests used them to wash the different offerings before they were placed on the altar. This showed how everything offered to God had to be clean, reminding us that our hearts and actions should be pure too. (See 2 Chronicles 4:6)

CLOSING PRAYER

"Dear Jesus, thank You for washing away our sins. Please help us to stay clean in our hearts and to live in a way that pleases You. Thank You for forgiving us and making us new. In Your name we pray, Amen."

THE GOLDEN LAMPSTAND


THEME:
JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
SCRIPTURE FOCUS
Exodus 25:31–40
Leviticus 24:1–4
John 8:12
KEY VERSE

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

-John 8:12



LESSON OBJECTIVES

- 1) Understand that the golden Lampstand was the only source of light inside the Holy Place.
- 2) Realize that Jesus is the true Light who came to shine into our world's darkness and reveal the character of God.
- 3) Learn that as followers of Jesus, we must reflect His light to others through good deeds and a Christlike life.
- 4) Pray each day for God to fill us with His Spirit so that His light shines through us continually.

STORY STARTER

The Torch at Camp

When I was younger, I used to enjoy camping. Our church would organize camp-outs where children spent a few nights outdoors. Before we left, our teachers always reminded us of the most important things to carry: a sleeping bag, a penknife, and a torch. The torch was the most important. Out in the camping grounds, there was no electricity. The torch helped us walk safely, avoid holes and traps, and find things in the dark. Without it, the night was frightening and full of shadows. When light shines in a dark place, darkness disappears immediately.

Our world was once full of spiritual darkness — people didn't understand who God really was. But when Jesus came, He revealed the truth about God's love and character. He is the Light that makes everything clear and shows us the way to life.



BIBLE STORY AND LESSON



1. The Lampstand's Design and Purpose

- God gave Moses detailed instructions to make a golden lampstand (candlestick) for the Holy Place (*Exodus 25:31-40*).
- It was made from one piece of pure, beaten gold, with seven branches and decorated with knops, flowers, and almond blossoms.
- The lampstand had no wood in it, showing the divine and perfect nature of Jesus, our eternal Light.
- The tabernacle had no windows, so the lampstand was the only source of light inside just as Jesus is the only true Light for our hearts.

2. The Oil and the Light

- The priests kept the lamps burning continually by filling them with pure olive oil (*Leviticus 24:1-4*).
- The oil represents the Holy Spirit, who gives us power to shine for God.
- When the oil was added, the light never went out reminding us that when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, our light for Jesus will keep shining.

3. The Meaning for Us

- Jesus said, "*I am the Light of the world*" (*John 8:12*). He came to shine in the darkness of sin and reveal the truth about God's love.
- Just as the lampstand gave light inside the tabernacle, Jesus lights up our hearts and minds with His truth.
- When we follow Jesus, His light shines through us to guide others to Him.

4. Our Part in Shining for Jesus

- Jesus said, "*Ye are the light of the world*" (*Matthew 5:14-16*). We are His little lamps called to shine with good works, kindness, and faithfulness.
- The lampstand's light was steady and pure so our Christian lives should shine steadily and faithfully.
- **The high priest added oil daily;** we must be filled with the Holy Spirit each day through prayer, reading God's Word, and obedience.



Christ, the outshining of the Father's glory, came to the world as its light. He came to represent God to men, and of Him it is written that He was anointed "with the Holy Ghost and with power," and "went about doing good. -**Christ Object Lessons** pg 416.2

KEY MESSAGE

The golden lampstand reminds us that Jesus is the Light who shines in our darkness. He helps us understand God's love and shows us how to live. When we let His light shine through us, others can see His goodness and are drawn to Him.

I can:

- Ask Jesus to fill me with His Holy Spirit every day.
- Choose to do what is right, even when others don't.
- Share kindness and hope so others can see Jesus in me.
- Shine for Jesus wherever I go at home, school, or play.



Did You Know!

When Solomon built the temple in Jerusalem, he didn't make just one lampstand he made ten golden lampstands instead of one! They were all placed inside the Holy Place, five on each side, and they shone together to fill the whole room with bright golden light. (2 Chronicles 4:7). The number ten showed completeness and abundance, reminding everyone that God's light never runs out and shines for

all His people. Even though the lampstands were many, they all gave the same pure light, just like all who follow Jesus share the same light of His truth with the world.

REVIEW QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- 1) What was the lampstand made of? Pure gold.
- 2) How many branches did the lampstand have? Seven.
- 3) What was its purpose? To provide light in the Holy Place.
- 4) What decorated the lampstand? Knops and flowers, shaped like almond blossoms.
- 5) What was used to keep the lamps burning? Pure olive oil.
- 6) What did the lampstand symbolize? Jesus, the Light of the world.
- 7) What does the oil represent? The Holy Spirit.
- 8) Where was the lampstand placed? On the south side of the Holy Place.

THE TABLE OF SHOWBREAD


THEME:
JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE

KEY VERSE

I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst.
-John 6:35

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Exodus 25:23–30
Leviticus 24:5–9
John 6:35

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- 1) Understand that the Table of Showbread reminded Israel that God provides for His people every day.
- 2) Realize that Jesus gives us everything our hearts truly need.
- 3) Learn to trust God daily and thank Him for His constant care.
- 4) Choose to share with others as God so generously shares with us.

STORY STARTER

The Empty Lunchbox

It was lunchtime at school, and everyone opened their lunchboxes. Sarah looked down her lunchbox was empty. She had forgotten it at home. She felt sad and hungry as she watched her friends eat. Then her friend Joy noticed and said, “you can share mine!”

Joy broke her chapati in half and handed it to Sarah with a big smile. Sarah's heart felt warm. “Thank you, Joy,” she said. “You shared what you had.” Joy smiled and said, “That's what my mom says God always gives us enough to share.” That night, Sarah told her mother what happened. Her mom said, “You see, sweetie, God used Joy to take care of you today. God always provides sometimes through others.” Before bed, Sarah whispered a little prayer: **“Thank You, God, for giving me everything I need and for friends who share.”**



Just like Sarah's friend shared her food, God always provides for His children. In the sanctuary, God told the priests to place twelve loaves of bread on a golden table every week. It was called the Table of Showbread, and it reminded Israel that God gives everything they need and that Jesus is the true Bread of Life.



BIBLE STORY AND LESSON

1. The Table's Design and Purpose

- God gave Moses specific instructions to build a table from acacia wood overlaid with pure gold (*Exodus 25:23–30*).
- On it were placed twelve loaves of bread, one for each tribe of Israel showing that God cared for every person.
- Every Sabbath, the priests replaced the bread with fresh loaves, reminding everyone that God's mercies are new every morning (*Lamentations 3:22–23*).

2. The Bread and Its Meaning

- The bread represented God's daily provision not only physical food but everything needed for life.
- As bread gives strength to the body, Jesus gives strength, peace, and love to our hearts.
- Jesus said, *"I am the bread of life."* He satisfies our deepest hunger the need for God Himself (*John 6:35*).

3. The Bread Replaced Weekly

- The bread was replaced every Sabbath to stay fresh teaching us that our relationship with Jesus must also stay fresh each day.
- We "renew" our bread by reading the Bible, praying, and spending time with Jesus daily.
- The word "Showbread" means "Bread of the Presence" because it was always placed before God, just as we should always live in His presence.

4. Sharing God's Blessings

- Joy shared her chapati and we can share what God gives us too!
- When we share love, time, kindness, or food with others, we show that Jesus' love is alive in our hearts.



Our Saviour is the bread of life, and it is by beholding His love, by receiving it into the soul, that we feed upon the bread which came down from heaven. -MB 112.2

KEY MESSAGE

The Table of Showbread reminds us that God provides for us every day. Jesus is the Bread of Life the One who fills our hearts with peace, joy, and love. When we receive His love, we are satisfied; when we share it, others are blessed.

I can:

- Thank God each day for His love and blessings.
- Read my Bible and pray daily to stay close to Jesus.
- Share what I have with others in need.
- Keep my heart fresh with love for Jesus every day.

Did You Know!



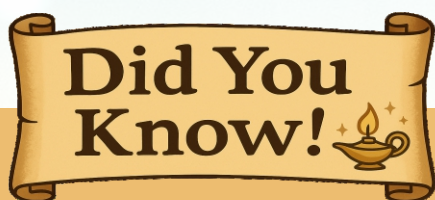
When King Solomon built the beautiful temple in Jerusalem, he didn't make just one table of showbread he made ten golden tables! They were placed inside the temple to remind everyone that God's blessings never run out and that He provides for all His people. Just like in the wilderness, each table held twelve fresh loaves every

Sabbath, one for each tribe of Israel. The bread in Solomon's Temple still pointed to Jesus, the Bread of Life, who feeds our hearts with His love forever. (See 2 Chronicles 4:8)



REVIEW QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- 1) **What was placed on the Table of Showbread?** Twelve loaves of bread.
- 2) **What did the twelve loaves represent?** God's care for the twelve tribes of Israel.
- 3) **How often was the bread replaced?** Every Sabbath.
- 4) **Who is the Bread of Life?** Jesus.
- 5) **What does it mean that Jesus is the Bread of Life?** He gives us everything our hearts need love, joy, and peace.
- 6) **How can we feed on Jesus, the Bread of Life, today?** By reading the Bible, praying, and trusting Him daily.



The sanctuary in the wilderness could be taken apart and carried wherever God led His people! When the cloud of God's presence moved, the priests carefully packed every piece — the altar, the lampstand, the table, and even the Ark of the Covenant.



Each family of Levites had a special job:

- The Kohathites carried the sacred furniture
- The Gershonites carried the curtains and coverings
- The Merarites carried the frames and boards.

Every time the cloud stopped, the people set up the sanctuary again right in the middle of the camp showing that God always wanted to live at the heart of His people's lives. (See Numbers 1:50-53; 4:1-33)

CLOSING PRAYER

"Dear Jesus, thank You for being the Bread of Life. You fill our hearts with Your love and peace every day. Please help us to trust You, to be thankful, and to share Your blessings with others. In Your holy name, Amen."

THE ALTAR OF INCENSE


THEME:

OUR PRAYERS RISE TO GOD


KEY VERSE

Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

-Psalm 141:2

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Exodus 30:1–8

Psalms 141:2

Revelation 8:3–4

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- 1) Understand that the Altar of Incense was where priests burned sweet incense each morning and evening.
- 2) Realize that the rising smoke symbolized the people's prayers going up to God.
- 3) Feel joyful and confident that God loves to hear their prayers.
- 4) Choose to pray faithfully every day, trusting that Jesus helps their prayers reach God.

STORY STARTER

The Smoke That Reached Heaven

Every morning in the Tabernacle, before anyone else was awake, the priest Aaron quietly entered the Holy Place. In his hands, he carried a small golden bowl filled with incense a sweet, spicy powder made just as God had instructed. Aaron stepped up to a small golden altar that stood right in front of the thick veil the curtain separating the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place, where God's presence was. He carefully placed the incense on the fire. Immediately, soft white smoke began to rise, swirling toward the ceiling. The whole room filled with a beautiful, sweet smell. Outside, the people saw the smoke rising from the tent and bowed their heads. They knew what it meant: Their prayers were going up to God. The Altar of Incense reminded Israel that prayer is precious to God.



BIBLE STORY AND LESSON



1. The Altar and Its Purpose

- God instructed Moses to make a golden altar and place it before the veil that led to the Most Holy Place (Exodus 30:1–8).
- Every morning and evening, the priest burned sweet incense on it.
- The rising smoke symbolized the people's prayers going up to God, reminding them that prayer connects heaven and earth.

2. The Sweet Incense

- The incense was made from a special mixture that only God prescribed — no one else could copy it.
- Its fragrance filled the Holy Place, showing how much God delights in sincere prayer.
- Prayer is special it must come from a loving, thankful heart.

3. Jesus, Our Intercessor

- Today, Jesus is our High Priest in heaven. He takes our prayers and presents them to God the Father.
- Even our weak, simple prayers become beautiful because Jesus adds His perfect righteousness to them.

4. Our Morning and Evening Prayers

- The priest offered incense twice daily morning and evening teaching us to pray regularly.
- When we talk to God every day, our hearts stay close to Him.
- Prayer is the breath of the soul it keeps our friendship with God alive and growing.



“The incense, ascending with the prayers of Israel, represents the merits and intercession of Christ. His perfect righteousness, which through faith is imputed to His people, makes their worship acceptable to God.” -Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 353.2



KEY MESSAGE

The Altar of Incense teaches us that prayer connects us to God. Our prayers rise to Him like sweet-smelling incense, and Jesus makes them beautiful before the Father.

I can:

- Talk to God every morning and evening.
- Pray anywhere at home, school, or quietly in my heart.
- Remember that Jesus helps my prayers reach God.
- Listen to God's voice by reading His Word.

Did You Know!

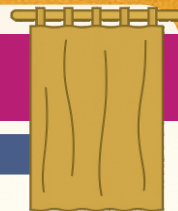


When the High Priest entered the Most Holy Place once a year on the Day of Atonement, he carried a **Golden censer** filled with burning coals from the altar of sacrifice (see Leviticus 16:12-13). He then placed sweet incense upon the fire, and the cloud of fragrant smoke filled the room, covering the Mercy Seat where God's presence shone. This holy cloud of incense protected the priest from the brightness of God's glory showing that only through prayer and intercession could he safely come before the Almighty.

REVIEW QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- 1) What was burned on the Altar of Incense? Sweet incense.
- 2) What did the incense represent? The prayers of God's people rising to Him.
- 3) When did the priests burn incense? Every morning and evening.
- 4) Where was the Altar of Incense placed? In front of the veil in the Holy Place.
- 5) Who helps our prayers reach God today? Jesus, our High Priest.
- 6) What does God feel when we pray sincerely? He delights in our prayers and listens with love.

THE VEIL



THEME: THE WAY TO GOD OPENED THROUGH JESUS



KEY VERSE

By a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh.

- Hebrews 10:20

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Exodus 26:31–33

Matthew 27:50–51

Hebrews 10:19–22

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- 1) Understand that the veil in the sanctuary separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place.
- 2) Realize that Jesus' death tore the veil, opening the way for everyone to come to God.
- 3) Appreciate that they can now approach God freely through Jesus. •
- 4) Choose to come boldly to God in prayer every day.

STORY STARTER

The Closed Door

Little Daniel loved helping his mother bake cookies. One day, the kitchen door was closed. "Mama, can I come in?" he asked. "Not yet," said his mother. "I'm preparing something special for you." Daniel waited, peeking



under the door and smelling the sweet cookies baking. Finally, the door opened, and his mother smiled. "Now you can come in, Daniel!" He ran inside and hugged her. "Wow! The cookies were for me!" Then his mother said, "Daniel, sometimes there are things that separate us, like that door. In God's house long ago, there was a curtain called the veil that separated the people from His presence. But when Jesus died on the cross, the veil tore! That means we can now come to God anytime, anywhere, because Jesus opened the way." Just like Daniel couldn't go through the door until it opened, people couldn't come directly to God because of sin. But when Jesus died, He tore down the barrier opening the way for everyone to come to God through Him.

BIBLE STORY AND LESSON



1. The Veil's Purpose and Design

- God instructed Moses to make a beautiful veil to separate the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place (Exodus 26:31–33).
- Only the high priest could pass through the veil and only once a year (Leviticus 16:2).
- The veil was made of fine linen with blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, and cherubim woven into it symbols of God's holiness and presence.

2. The Meaning of the Colors

Blue - Represents God's Law and righteousness (*Numbers 15:38–40; Psalm 97:6*).

Purple - Represents God's royalty (*Judges 8:26*).

Red (Scarlet) - Represents the blood of Christ, which cleanses us from sin (*1 John 1:7*).

- The cherubim reminded everyone that God is holy, and only through His appointed way could people come near.

3. The Veil Torn at Jesus' Death

- When Jesus died on the cross, something amazing happened: the veil in the temple tore from top to bottom (Matthew 27:50–51).
- It showed that the wall of separation caused by sin was gone.
- Now, everyone can come directly to God through Jesus — no veil, no barrier.

4. Jesus, Our New and Living Way

- The torn veil pointed to Jesus' body, which was broken for us (Hebrews 10:19–22).
- Through Jesus, we can come boldly to God in prayer, worship, and thanksgiving.
- No separation remains God welcomes us as His children!



When in His expiring moments on the cross, Christ exclaimed, "It is finished," the veil of the Temple was rent from top to bottom. The need for the Jewish system of sacrifices and offerings had ended. Type had met antitype in the death of the One to whom the sacrifices pointed. A new and living way had been opened--a way by which Jew and Gentile, free and bond, could come to God and find pardon and peace.

-Upward Look pg 100.2

KEY MESSAGE

The veil showed that sin separates us from God. When Jesus died, He removed that separation and opened the way for everyone to come close to God. Now, we can pray, worship, and live in God's presence through Jesus.

I can:

- Talk to God anytime through Jesus.
- Thank Jesus for opening the way for me to know God.
- Forgive others as Jesus forgave me.
- Live close to God each day.

Did You Know!



When Jesus died and the veil of the temple was torn, there was no Ark of the Covenant inside the Most Holy Place. Long before, during the days of Jeremiah, when the Babylonians were about to invade Jerusalem, the Ark had been hidden away to keep it safe. No one has ever found it since.

(Read PK 453.2)

Even though the Ark was gone, the torn veil showed something greater that through Jesus, the way to God's presence was now open for everyone!

REVIEW QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- 1) What was the purpose of the veil in the sanctuary? To separate the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place.
- 2) Who could go behind the veil, and how often? Only the high priest, once a year.
- 3) What happened to the veil when Jesus died? It tore from top to bottom.
- 4) What did the torn veil mean? The way to God was now open to everyone.
- 5) What do the colors of the veil represent? Blue for God's Law, Purple for royalty, Red for the blood of Christ.

How can we come to God today? Through Jesus, in prayer and faith.

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT



THEME:

GOD'S LAW OF LOVE



KEY VERSE

This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments."

-1 John 5:3

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Exodus 25:10–22

Deuteronomy 10:1–5

1 John 5:3

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- 1) Understand that the Ark of the Covenant was God's special chest that held the Ten Commandments.
- 2) Realize that God's law is a gift of love and guidance.
- 3) Appreciate that God teaches us how to love Him and others through His law.
- 4) Choose to live by God's commandments in their daily lives at home, school, and church.

STORY STARTER

My Special Treasure

Ask the children: "Do you have something very special that you keep safe? Maybe a favorite toy, a necklace, or a book?"

Explain: "Just like you protect your special things, God has something very precious to keep safe not gold or silver, but His law of love, the Ten Commandments. God asked

God asked Moses to build a beautiful golden chest called the Ark of the Covenant to hold these commandments." Inside that golden Ark were two stone tablets, written by God's own finger. On top of the Ark were two golden angels, called cherubim, facing each other with their wings touching. Between them shone the bright glory of God His very presence! The Ark reminds us that God's law is His special treasure a gift of love that helps us live happily and safely. It teaches us how to love God and how to love one another.



BIBLE STORY AND LESSON



God's Treasure Chest

- God told Moses to make a chest out of acacia wood and cover it with pure gold (Exodus 25:10–22).
- Inside the Ark were placed the **Ten Commandments, Aaron's rod that budded, and the golden pot of manna** (Hebrews 9:4).
- The Ark was kept in the Most Holy Place, the most sacred part of the sanctuary.
- The Ark was made of acacia wood and covered with pure gold, showing both Jesus' humanity (the wood) and divinity (the gold).

What the Ark Teaches Us

The Ark was not just a golden box it was a powerful reminder of God's love, power, and presence with His people. Each item inside the Ark had a special meaning.

1) The Ten Commandments - God's Law of Love.

These were written by God Himself on two tablets of stone (Deuteronomy 10:1–5). They show God's character and teach us how to live in harmony with Him and with others.



2) Aaron's Rod that Budded – God's Leadership and Christ's Priesthood.

God caused Aaron's dry staff to sprout buds, blossoms, and almonds to show that He had chosen Aaron to serve as priest (Numbers 17:8–10). The rod represented God's authority and leadership, and it pointed forward to Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, chosen by God to intercede for His people.



3) The Golden Pot of Manna – God's Daily Provision

The manna reminded Israel of how God provided food for them in the wilderness (Exodus 16:32–34). It teaches us that God still provides for our needs every day and that Jesus is the Bread of Life who sustains us spiritually.



Together, these treasures reminded Israel that God is holy, loving, powerful, and faithful the One who leads, provides, and teaches His people.

KEY MESSAGE

The Ark of the Covenant reminds us that God's law is precious it is His law of love. When we obey His commandments, we show that we love Him and others.

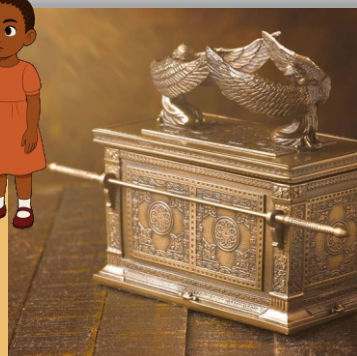
I can:

- Obey my parents and help at home.
- Tell the truth, share, and be kind at school.
- Remember the Sabbath and worship God faithfully.
- Keep God's commandments with love and joy.

Did You Know!

**The Ark Was Seen
Only Once a Year!**

The Ark of the Covenant was kept in the Most Holy Place, behind a thick veil. No one could see it or go near it except the High Priest, and only once a year on the Day of Atonement (see Leviticus 16:2, 29-30). On that special day, the High Priest entered with a golden censer of incense and the blood of the sacrifice, praying for forgiveness for all of God's people. The cloud of incense covered the Ark, showing that the priest came before God with reverence and prayer.



REVIEW QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- 1) What was the Ark of the Covenant? God's special golden chest.
- 2) What was kept inside the Ark? The Ten Commandments.
- 3) Who wrote the Ten Commandments? God Himself.
- 4) Where was the Ark kept? In the Most Holy Place of the sanctuary.
- 5) What does God's law teach us? How to love God and others.
- 6) How can we show love for God's law? By obeying His commandments in our daily lives

THE MERCY SEAT


THEME:
GOD'S THRONE OF GRACE

KEY VERSE

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. -**Hebrews 4:16**

SCRIPTURE FOCUS
Exodus 25:17–22
Leviticus 16:2
Hebrews 4:16

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- 1) Understand that the Mercy Seat was where God's presence appeared and mercy was shown to His people.
- 2) Recognize that God is kind, forgiving, and full of grace.
- 3) Learn that Jesus is our true Mercy Seat, through whom we can come boldly to God.
- 4) Choose to pray to God for forgiveness and help, trusting His mercy.

STORY STARTER

The Broken Vase

Emma loved helping her mother set the table every Sabbath. One Friday, while dusting the living room, she accidentally knocked over her mother's favorite flower vase. It shattered into pieces! Emma's eyes filled with tears. "Oh no! Mama will be so angry." She

quickly tried to hide the broken pieces. When her mother came in, she saw what happened. But instead of shouting, she knelt down, hugged Emma, and said, "It's okay, dear. I forgive you. I know it was an accident."

Emma felt so relieved. She realized her mother's love was greater than her mistake. That's what the Mercy Seat is about. It reminds us that even when we do wrong, God is ready to forgive. Just as Emma's mother forgave her, God forgives us when we come to Him. The Mercy Seat was where God showed mercy to His people — a symbol of His throne of love and grace.



BIBLE STORY AND LESSON



1. God's Throne of Mercy

- God told Moses to make a special cover for the Ark of the Covenant called the Mercy Seat (Exodus 25:17–22).
- It was made of pure gold, with two golden angels cherubim facing each other.
- Between the cherubim, God's glorious presence appeared as a shining light called the Shekinah Glory.

2. Mercy Above the Law

- Inside the Ark were the Ten Commandments, God's law of love.
- The Mercy Seat covered the Ark, showing that mercy covers the law.
- This teaches that while God's law is perfect, His mercy forgives us when we fail to keep it.

3. The Day of Atonement

- Once a year, on the Day of Atonement, the High Priest entered the Most Holy Place.
- He sprinkled the blood of sacrifice on the Mercy Seat, showing that sin could be forgiven through the shedding of blood.
- This pointed forward to Jesus, our true High Priest, who gave His life so that we could be forgiven forever.

4. Jesus - Our True Mercy Seat

- When Jesus died on the cross, He became our Mercy Seat the place where we receive forgiveness and grace.
- Today, we can come boldly to God's throne because Jesus is there, interceding for us.
- God's throne is not a place of fear but a place of mercy and help.



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KEY MESSAGE

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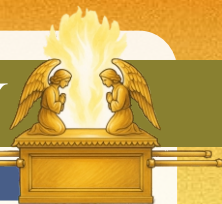
The High Priest's breastplate was made of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread and had twelve precious stones one for each tribe of Israel (Exodus 28:15-21). Each stone had the name of a tribe engraved on it, showing that the priest carried all God's people close to his heart when he stood before the Lord. This showed that God's people were always on His heart and that He lovingly guided them through His chosen priest. Today, Jesus, our great High Priest, still carries our names close to His heart and leads us by His Spirit and Word.



REVIEW QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- 1) What was the Mercy Seat made of? Pure gold.
- 2) Where was the Mercy Seat placed? On top of the Ark of the Covenant.
- 3) What was inside the Ark of the Covenant? The Ten Commandments, Aaron's rod that budded, and a pot of manna (Hebrews 9:4).
- 4) Who spoke to Moses from above the Mercy Seat? God.
- 5) What appeared above the Mercy Seat to show God's presence?
The Shekinah Glory.
- 6) What does the Mercy Seat teach us about God? That He is merciful, loving, and ready to forgive.

THE SHEKINAH GLORY



THEME: GOD'S PRESENCE WITH HIS CHILDREN



KEY VERSE

The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.

- Deuteronomy 31:8

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Deuteronomy 31:8

Exodus 25:8

Exodus 40:34-38

Numbers 9:15-23

Revelation 21:23

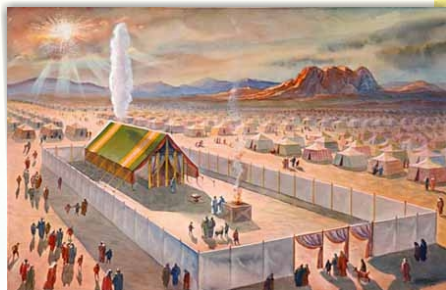
LESSON OBJECTIVES

- 1) Understand that the Shekinah Glory was the visible sign of God's presence with Israel.
- 2) Realize that God guided His people through the cloud by day and the fire by night.
- 3) Recognize that God now dwells with His people through Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
- 4) Commit to following God's Word and Spirit in their daily lives.

STORY STARTER

The Glory That Guided Them

When the Israelites finished building the beautiful sanctuary in the desert, everyone waited quietly. Moses had done everything just as God commanded. Then something amazing happened! A bright cloud began to move across the sky it came down and covered the Tabernacle. Inside, the light of God's presence filled the tent until it shone like fire. Everyone fell on their knees in awe. God Himself had come to live with His people! The shining cloud was called the Shekinah Glory a sign that God was with them. From that day onward, the Israelites never traveled alone. When the cloud lifted, they packed up and followed it. When it stopped, they set up camp and rested. At night, the cloud glowed like fire, giving them light and warmth. The Shekinah Glory showed that God truly lived with His people, guiding and protecting them. Today, God's presence still guides us through His Word, His Spirit, and His light in our hearts.



BIBLE STORY AND LESSON



1. God Fills the Sanctuary With His Glory

- When the sanctuary was finished, *“the cloud covered the tent, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle”* (Exodus 40:34).
- Moses could not enter because God's glory was so bright and holy.
- The Shekinah Glory rested above the Ark of the Covenant, between the golden angels showing that God's presence was with His people.

2. The Cloud and Fire of Guidance

- Every day, the cloud stayed above the sanctuary. When it lifted, the Israelites knew it was time to move.
- At night, it became a pillar of fire to give them light and safety.
- The people learned to trust God's timing and direction completely.

3. God Dwelling With Us Today

- Just as God lived among Israel, He lives with us today through Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus said, *“Lo, I am with you always”* (Matthew 28:20).
- When we follow God's Word and listen to His Spirit, His presence guides our hearts and decisions.

4. God's Glory Forever

- In heaven, there will be no need for sun or moon, for *“the glory of God did lighten it”* (Revelation 21:23).
- The Shekinah Glory that once filled the sanctuary will shine forever, and we will live in God's presence for eternity.

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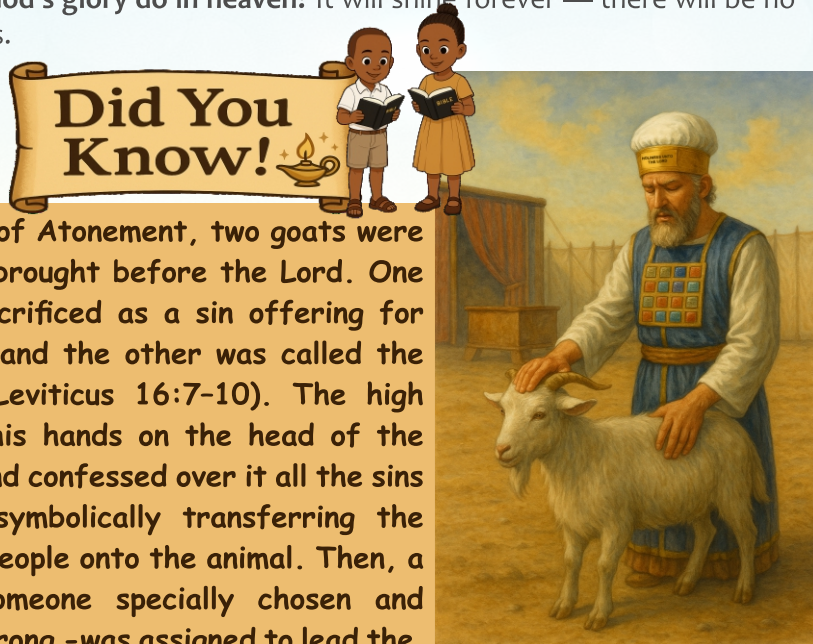
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REVIEW QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- 1) What was the Shekinah Glory? The shining light of God's presence.
- 2) Where did the Shekinah Glory rest? Above the Ark of the Covenant, between the golden angels.
- 3) How did God guide Israel during their journey? With a cloud by day and a fire by night.
- 4) How does God dwell with us today? Through Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and His Word.
- 5) What will God's glory do in heaven? It will shine forever — there will be no more darkness.



On the Day of Atonement, two goats were chosen and brought before the Lord. One goat was sacrificed as a sin offering for the people, and the other was called the scapegoat (Leviticus 16:7-10). The high priest laid his hands on the head of the scapegoat and confessed over it all the sins of Israel, symbolically transferring the sins of the people onto the animal. Then, a fit man -someone specially chosen and physically strong -was assigned to lead the scapegoat into the wilderness, far away from the camp. This act showed that God not only forgives sin but also removes it completely, never to return. The ceremony pointed forward to the final judgment, when Satan, the true originator of sin, will bear full responsibility for evil and be banished forever (Revelation 20:10).

CLOSING PRAYER

“Dear God, thank You for showing Your glory to Your people. Thank You for living with us through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Help us to follow Your light, trust Your presence, and one day live with You forever. Amen.

STUDENT'S DETAILS

Name: _____

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Help the Children learn and sing this song

LORD PREPARE ME TO BE A SANCTUARY

*Lord prepare me, To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, Tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary, for You*

DEDICATION

This booklet is lovingly dedicated to all the teachers and parents who faithfully guide little hearts to know and love Jesus. Your patience, prayers, songs, and smiles light the way for children to walk in God's truth. May every story told and every lesson shared draw them closer to His presence in the Sanctuary, where God delights to live with His people.

GOD WITH US

Learning from the Sanctuary Light

Deep in the wilderness, God asked His people to build Him a home - a special tent where His presence would dwell and His light would shine among them. The Sanctuary was more than a place of worship; it was a promise that God would always be with His people, guiding them with love and forgiveness. In this booklet, children will journey through the Sanctuary and discover how every beam of light, every symbol, and every service tells the story of Jesus our Friend, Savior, and constant Companion. As they learn from the Sanctuary light, young hearts will see that the same God who lived among His people long ago still lives with us today.

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