

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



The Tabernacle Was Built

Exodus 35–40

STORY POINT: GOD TOLD HIS PEOPLE HOW TO BUILD THE TABERNACLE WHERE HE WOULD DWELL WITH THEM.

When Moses was on the mountain with God, God said, "Tell the Israelites to make a tabernacle for Me so that I may dwell among them." God gave Moses very specific instructions for building a tabernacle, really big tent that the Israelites could take with them. The tabernacle would be where God met with His people.

So Moses gathered all the Israelites together. He asked them to bring materials. God gave two men, Bezalel and Oholiab, special skills for building and creating things. Bezalel, Oholiab, and all the other skilled craftsmen came together to build the tabernacle for God.

They built the tabernacle just as God had instructed. Every part had its special purpose and was made just as God had said.

When the time came, God told Moses how to set up the tabernacle. God told him how to anoint the tabernacle so that it would be holy.

God had led the Israelites from a cloud, and now the cloud covered the tabernacle. God made a sign for the people: If the cloud covered the tabernacle, the people would stay where they were. When the cloud lifted from the tabernacle, the Israelites would move and take the tabernacle with them.

The cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle during the day, and fire was inside the cloud at night. All the Israelites could see it as they traveled.

Christ Connection: God instructed the Israelites to build a tabernacle where He would dwell with them. God desires to be with His people. As part of His plan to save sinners, God sent Jesus to "tabernacle," or dwell, with people on earth.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What was the purpose of the tabernacle?
- Who brings sinners back to God?
- How can your family spend time with God?

