

Holy Places

Exodus 35-40; Leviticus 1; 16;19

Objectives:

■ Learn what the ancient tabernacle and modern temples teach us about Jesus Christ.

Reinforces Principles of:

■ Temples, sacrifice

Reverence Time

Song: Reverence is Love, Children's Songbook page 95

https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/i-love-to-see-the-temple

Scripture: Exodus 25:8

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

Video: Watch this week's clip from the Living Scriptures Streaming Library. Find the clip at

https://www.livingscriptures.com/fhe-lesson-holyplaces

Lesson Time Holy Places

Lesson Summary:

The Lord told the Israelites to build a tabernacle where sacred ordinances would help them become a holy people. He asked them to willingly donate the materials needed and gave them instructions on how to build the tabernacle. Many of these details were symbols that would teach the people about Jesus Christ.

Artisans were chosen to help build the tabernacle. The Lord blessed Bezaleel and Aholiab with wisdom and knowledge that would help them create things needed for the tabernacle. Bezaleel and Aholiab donated their time and talents to build the tabernacle. In fact, the people were so willing to help that Moses had to ask them to stop donating things for the tabernacle.

After the tabernacle was completed, Moses blessed the people. Aaron and his sons participated in sacred ordinances and received the priesthood. The people were blessed by the ordinances that took place in the tabernacle.

Today we have beautiful temples that are built from the donations of church members. The Lord has given instructions on how they should be built. Many of the details are symbols that teach us about Jesus Christ. Inside we can perform sacred ordinances that help us become a holier people.

Quote:

"The temple lies at the center of strengthening our faith and spiritual fortitude because the Savior and His doctrine are the very heart of the temple. Everything taught in the temple, through instruction and through the Spirit, increases our understanding of Jesus Christ. His essential ordinances bind us to Him through sacred priesthood covenants. Then, as we keep our covenants, He endows us with His healing, strengthening power. And oh, how we will need His power in the days ahead."

Russell M. Nelson

Questions: Why did the Israelites build a tabernacle?

Who taught them how to build it? Who were Bezaleel and Aholiab?

What talents do you have that can help others learn about Jesus Christ?

How do temples bless our lives?

Activity Time

Building a Tabernacle

Description:

This activity will help your family better understand the symbolism of some of the objects that were found in the ancient tabernacle.

What you need:

■ A copy of the "Building a Tabernacle" activity (artwork included with this lesson), scissors, heavy paper or cardstock, glue (optional).

Preparation:

- 1. Print out the artwork. Print on cardstock or glue heavy paper/cardstock to the back of the printed artwork for stability.
- 2. Cut out the tabernacle blueprint and the symbolic object cards.

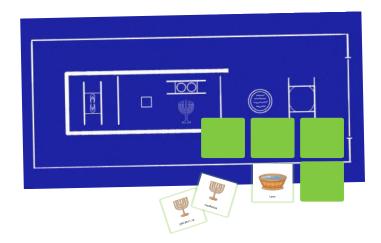
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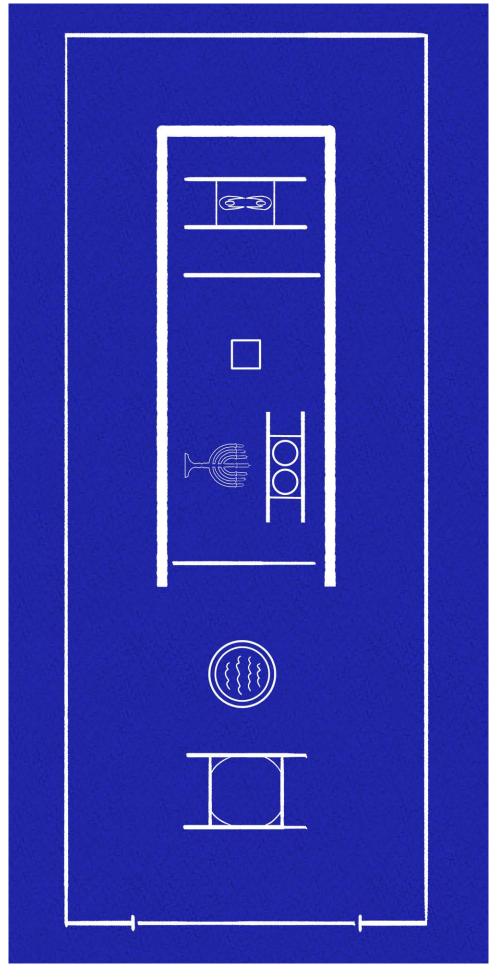
Play a matching game and match the symbolic objects, learn their meaning, and read the scripture about them.

To play, lay out all of the cards face down. Take turns choosing two cards. If the cards don't match, that person's turn is over and the next person takes a turn to choose two cards. If the cards do match, read the scripture on the card and talk about what you learn. Remove the cards from the playing area. The turn then ends and another person takes a turn to choose two cards.

Continue playing until all of the matches are found.

Place the object cards in their proper place on the tabernacle blueprint.





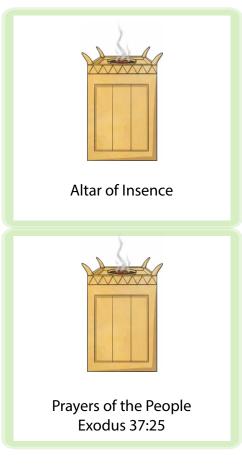




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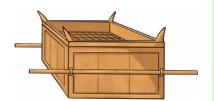
12 Tribes of Israel Exodus 35:13



Veil



Altar of Sacrifice



Sacrifice of Jesus Christ Exodus 38:1-2



Veil of Heaven Exodus 26:33



Laver



Ark of the Covenant



Candlestick/Menorah



Being Clean and Pure Exodus 38:8



Presence of God Exodus 37:1-2, 9



Light of Christ Exodus 37:17-19

Prep Time:5 minutesBake Time:8 minutesChill Time:30 minutes



Ingredients:

3/4 c. sugar

1/4 c. shortening

1 t. vanilla 1 egg

2 1/2 c. flour

1/2 t. baking soda 1/2 t. baking powder

1/4 t. salt

1/4 c. + 2 T. cold water

Instructions:

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees F. Cream together sugar, shortening, eggs and vanilla. Sift together flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Slowly mix in sifted, dry ingredients to the creamed ingredients. Add water. Continue to mix until a soft dough forms. Chill in refrigerator for 30 minutes. Roll out on a floured surface to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut out using pattern pieces. Bake on a prepared pan for 8 minutes. Cool before frosting.

Treat Time: Frost with your favorite white frosting. Build your temple cookies by using extra frosting as mortar between pieces. If desired; tint a small amount of frosting yellow to represent the Angel Moroni.

