

Dear Hope Parents!

As we continue to shelter in place and worship at home, we would like to offer for families to view the teaching videos provided by The Gospel Project. To access these videos, you have 2 options:

- 1) Each week, Gina will email out a link to that week's lesson! Here's the link for this week's lesson on the tabernacle!

<https://hopetucson.com/family-friday-04-17-20>

- 2) All of the videos and the downloads will also be available via the Hope Daily Videos page:

<https://hopetucson.com/daily-videos>

Remember! The Daily Videos page is updated every day. So if you don't see the new content, refresh your browser! 😊

Thirteen of the last sixteen chapters of the Book of Exodus contain instructions for building the tabernacle. The word tabernacle means "dwelling place." The tabernacle was a portable tent where God met with His people. God wanted to dwell among them. (See Ex. 29:45-46.)

Jesus is the New Testament fulfillment of the Old Testament tabernacle. John 1:14 says that "the Word became flesh and took up residence among us." Jesus made His dwelling with people.

As you talk to your kids about the building of the tabernacle, show them **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.** Emphasize that in the future, He will dwell with us forever. (Rev. 21:3)

FAMILY STARTING POINTS

Toddlers

- God is holy.
- God wanted to be with His people.
- God told His people how to build a special tent.
- God sent Jesus to earth to be with His people forever.

Kids

- What is worship? Worship is celebrating the greatness of God.
- God told His people to build the tabernacle.

Family Activity- Pillow fort

Provide cushions, pillows, bedsheets, chairs, and clothespins. Encourage the kids to use the materials to build a pillow fort or tent that the whole family can sit in together. Consider using this space as a place for family discussion after you view the

Bible Story and/or Questions From Kids videos.

SAY • It was a challenge to build a pillow fort big enough for everyone to sit in. We filled it up though! Today we will learn about a time God's people built a tent for God to fill up with His presence. This tent was called the tabernacle. Let's hear more!

Family Discussion

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss:

1. **How did the people know to build a tabernacle?** *(God told them to and gave specific instructions how, Ex. 35:10-19)*
2. **How were the builders able to make all the wonderful things God commanded?** *(God gave Bezalel and Oholiab wisdom and understanding as craftsmen, Ex. 35:30-34)*
3. **How did the Israelites know when God's presence was in the tabernacle?** *(A cloud would rest on the tabernacle, Ex. 40:34-37)*
4. **Why do you think God wanted to dwell with His people?** *Guide kids to discuss the fact that God loves us. He wants to be with us and to help us learn to love and obey Him.*
5. **How else has God come to dwell with us?** *Guide kids to discuss that God sent Jesus to dwell with people. Jesus lived a perfect life, died the death we deserve, and rose again. Now, anyone who believes in Jesus receives the Holy Spirit, who lives with us and helps us love and obey God.*
6. **Do we need a special place to worship today?** *Guide kids to see that, although we gather in buildings to worship God together, we no longer need a tabernacle or temple. Remind the kids that, through the Holy Spirit, God dwells with us everywhere we go. Help them understand that how we worship God is more important than where we worship Him.*