

## March 15, 2020 PreK

**Bible Passage:** The Tabernacle was Built / Exodus 35–40

**Story Point:** God told His people to build the tabernacle.

**Key Passage/Memory Verse:** “The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation” Exodus 15:2a ESV

**Big Picture Question:** What is worship? Worship is celebrating the greatness of God.

**Christ Connection:** *God told the people of Israel to build a tabernacle where God would meet with His people. God wants to be with us. As part of His plan to save people from sin, God sent Jesus to earth to “tabernacle,” or live with us.*

### \* **BIBLE STORY:**

#### **Introduce the Bible story**

Turn to Exodus 35 in your Bible.

**Say** • The Bible is God’s true word, written by trustworthy people like Moses. Our Bible story today comes from Exodus, right after last week’s Bible story about how God’s people worshipped a golden calf.

Remind children that all the stories in the Bible fit together to tell an even bigger story. The Bible tells us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

### **The Tabernacle Was Built**

*Exodus 35–40*

**When Moses was on the mountain with God, God said, “Tell the Israelites to make a tabernacle for Me so that I may live with them.” Then God gave Moses instructions for building the tabernacle, or tent of worship. God told Moses how to build everything that went inside it.**

“Make it exactly like I show you,” God said.

**So Moses gathered all of the Israelites together.** He told them everything God had said, and **he asked them to bring materials to build the tabernacle. Everyone who wanted to give brought an offering for the tabernacle.** People brought gold jewelry; blue, purple, and scarlet yarn; fine linen and goat hair; animal skins; wood; oil; spices; and gemstones. God gave two men, Bezalel (BEHZ uh lehl) and Oholiab (oh HOH lih ab), special skills for building and creating things. Bezalel, Oholiab, and **all the skilled people worked together to build the tabernacle for God.**

People kept bringing offerings of what they had. Pretty soon, the workers told Moses, “The people are bringing more than enough. We don’t need all of this to build the tabernacle as God instructed.” So Moses told the Israelites to stop bringing their offerings.

Everyone working on the tabernacle built it just as God had said. The tabernacle had a wooden frame and places to hang the curtains and the roof of the tent.

Inside the tabernacle, the people made a veil. They made an ark, a table, a lampstand, and many other parts. **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, or pour oil on, the tabernacle to make it holy. **God told Moses to bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the tabernacle. Aaron put on the holy clothing that the workers made, and Moses anointed him to be priest. Aaron's sons were anointed to serve God as priests, too.**

**Moses did exactly what God commanded, and the tabernacle was finished. God was in a thick cloud. 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 of the Israelites could see it as they traveled.**

*Christ Connection: God told the people of Israel to build a tabernacle where God would meet with His people. God wants to be with us. As part of His plan to save people from sin, God sent Jesus to earth to "tabernacle," or live with us.*

**SAY •** Even after they disobeyed Him by worshiping a golden calf, **God told His people to build the tabernacle** because He wanted to live with them! God had forgiven His people for their sin. This time God's people happily obeyed. They brought more than enough offerings, and they built the tabernacle exactly like God said. God sent Jesus to earth because He wants to live with us even though we sin.

### **KEY PASSAGE**

**Key Passage:** "The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation"  
Exodus 15:2a ESV

### **MOVEMENTS:**

**The Lord** – point up to the sky with both fingers

**Is my strength** – make muscles

**And my song** – one hand up the other waving back and forth

**And he has become** – Two hands open up and move down over heart

**My salvation** – cross over heart to lift arms in fist half way up

**Exodus 15:2a:** - open up hands like book

**SAY •** Our key passage says that God is our salvation, meaning He saves us from sin. God is so kind. Let's pray to Him now.

## **\* PRAYER**

## **\* ACTIVITY:**

### **BUILD A TABERNACLE (WITH A SHEET)**

Supplies:

- Black sheet
- Bag with offering items

Using some chairs and the black sheet, make a tent big enough to fit the kids inside. You can tuck the sheet under the chair legs and leave an opening in the front as the entrance into the “tabernacle” and have the kids crawl inside. Once everyone is inside, you can review the story with the following questions:

- What did God tell the Israelites to build? (God told His people to build the tabernacle)
- What is a tabernacle? (a tent of worship)
- What did the people bring for the tabernacle? (**Show them items from the bag: gold jewelry, blue, purple, and scarlet yarn; fine linen and goat hair; animal skins; wood; oil; spices; and gemstones**)
- Who worked together to build the tabernacle for God? (all the skilled people)
- Who were anointed as priests? (Aaron and his sons)
- What is worship? (Worship is celebrating the greatness of God)

**SAY:** God told His people to build the tabernacle where God would meet with His people. God wants to be with us. As part of His plan to save people from sin, God sent Jesus to earth to “tabernacle”, or live with us. Now we can meet with God anywhere, like this pretend tabernacle that we built in our classroom! Is God with us now? Always!