

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE TABERNACLE

A Family Guide to Understanding God's Special Tent

Welcome to our Tabernacle tour! Long ago, while the Israelites were traveling through the desert, God gave them precise instructions to build a special portable tent. It was designed so God could dwell right in the middle of His people and teach them about coming close to Him.

1. The Courtyard (The Outside Area)

The Brazen Altar

A large bronze altar where sacrifices were offered. It reminds us that forgiveness, sacrifice, and holiness are necessary to enter into God's presence.

The Bronze Laver

A large washbasin filled with clean water where priests washed their hands and feet before entering the Holy Place. It shows us the importance of having clean hearts and clean actions.

2. The Holy Place (Inside the Tent)

The Golden Lampstand (Menorah)

Crafted from pure gold with seven branches, it kept the room filled with light day and night. It reminds us that God is our constant light in the dark.

The Table of Showbread

A gold-covered table holding twelve loaves of bread, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. It shows that God provides for, sustains, and feeds His people.

The Altar of Incense

A small golden altar placed right before the heavy curtain. Sweet-smelling smoke rose from it daily, representing the prayers of God's people rising up to Him.

3. The Holy of Holies (The Most Sacred Room)

✨ The Ark of the Covenant & Mercy Seat

A wooden chest covered in gold, topped with two golden cherubim (angels) whose wings stretched over the cover called the **Mercy Seat**. Inside were the Ten Commandments, a jar of manna, and Aaron's rod. This was where God's glorious presence rested.

💬 FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Light:** How can we be a light to others this week, just like the Golden Lampstand brightened the Holy Place?
2. **Prayer:** How does it feel to know that our prayers rise up to God like the sweet smell of incense?
3. **Presence:** What is one way our family can make space for God's presence in our home every day?

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