

Me, Me, Me...

Help me get better acquainted with you...

Name:

Age/Birthday:

Address:

Phone or email:

Parent's names:

Do you have brothers or sisters? What are their names?

Do you have pets? What are their names?

My favorite things are:

Food —

Movie—

Color—

Subject in school—

Song—

TV program—

Sport—

Animal—

My hobbies or interests:

Things I like to do:

Things I hate to do:

God's Temple

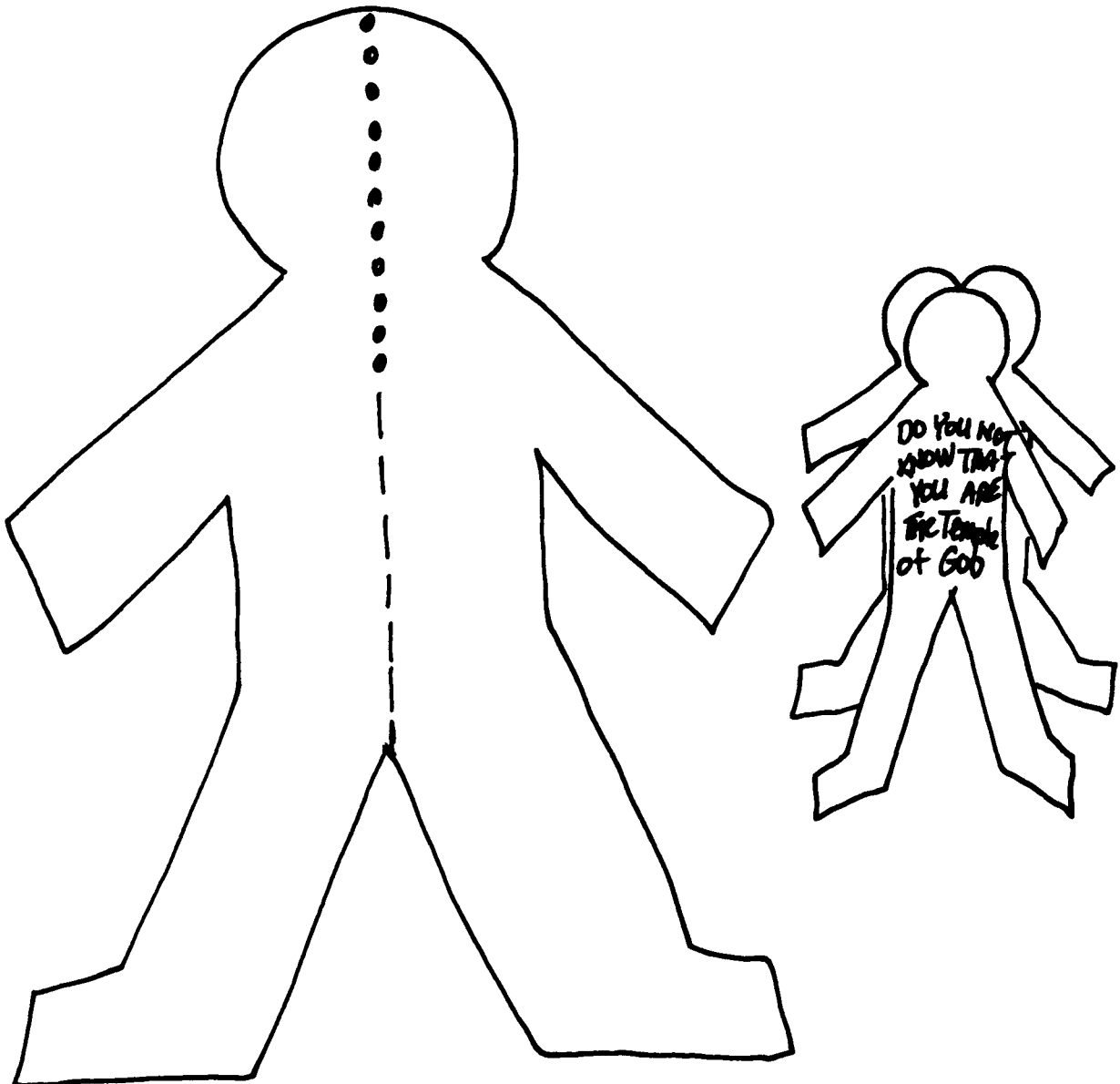
Use these cute standup figures as reminders of this important memory verse. Discuss with the children how we should treat our bodies so we will glorify God.

Materials:

pattern crayons or colored markers scissors construction paper

Instructions:

Give each child a pattern and a sheet of construction paper. Cut out two figures. Cut figure one along the dotted line; cut figure two along the dashed line. Fit the two figures together so they will stand up. Write the memory verse across the figure so it will be read when the figures are standing up.

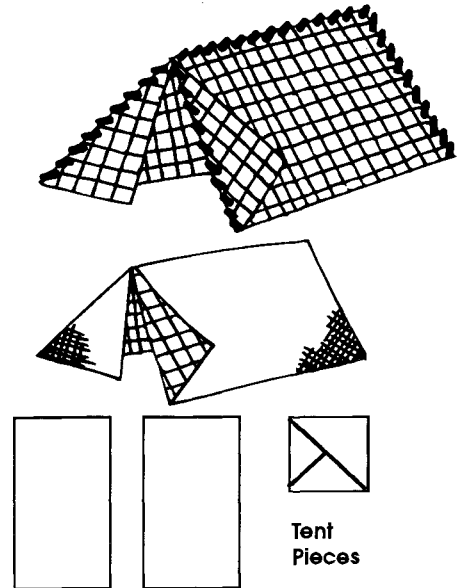


The Tent

A tent is a temporary home. Where do you consider your home? God wants us to look at our lives on earth as a temporary stay while we wait to live with God in His kingdom forever. That's why it's important not to get overly worried about possessions or situations in our lives—everything is temporary.

Materials:

plastic canvas
permanent markers
plastic lacing (also called lanyard or noodles)
scissors
burlap
glue



Instructions:

You'll need a 6x9-inch sheet of rectangular plastic canvas per child. You can find plastic canvas at craft or fabric stores. On each sheet use a marker to draw two rectangles about 3x5 inches, and one 3-inch square with a diagonal line to make two triangles. Draw another line down one of the triangles (see examples).

Give each child a sheet of plastic canvas with the cutting pattern drawn on it with a marker. Have them cut out the tent pieces. Show them how to start assembling the tent by putting the two rectangles together. Use the lace to "sew" the rectangles together along one edge. Then lace the end triangles (flaps) to the canvas "roof." Sew the remaining triangle onto the back of the tent.

As they work: Tell the children that this stitching action is probably similar to the way the apostle Paul and the Israelites made tents. Add that the patriarchs, Moses, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were all tent dwellers.

When the tent is formed have them glue or lace burlap covers over the tent frame.

Use this tent as a reminder that this world is not our home. Our home is being prepared for us as Jesus promised.

Open your Bible and read aloud John 14:2,3. Remind them: God has provided a place for us to live forever. Jesus describes this place a house of many rooms, and everyone who believes in Jesus can live there.

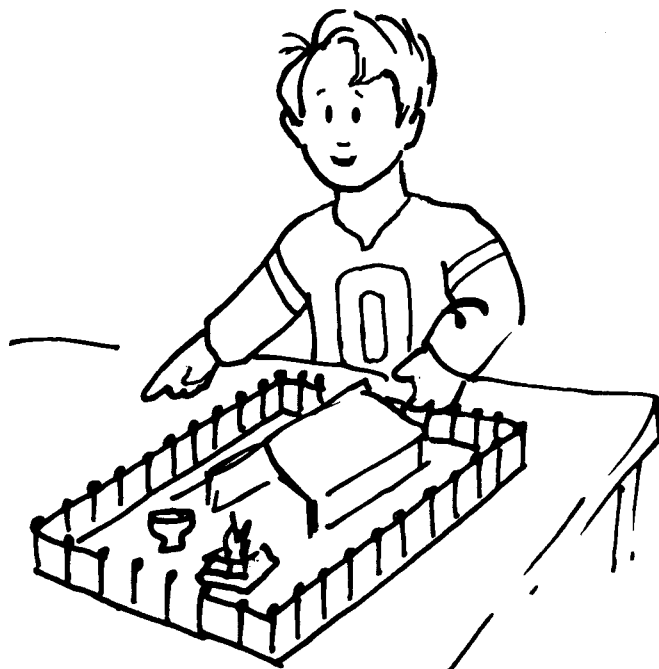
Sample prayer: "Father, we know that our homes in this world are temporary. Just as the Feast of Tabernacles is a mirror of the temporary homes we are to live in for a short time. Please help us to honor you, no matter where we 'pitch our tents.' Thank you for providing us a permanent place, and thank you for your Son, Jesus, who provides us with the way to you and to our permanent home."

The Tabernacle

Build a model of the Tabernacle or the Temple. Acknowledge this effort by the children and display their handiwork for everyone to see—this project can be done over a series of days and exhibited, when finished, to the church.

Materials:

Bible encyclopedia or dictionary
stiff cardboard or masonite for platform
modeling clay or cardboard
construction paper
crayons or colored markers
glue tape stapler
cloth (white and colored)



Instructions:

Use the scale of 1 inch = 10 feet. Write down the dimensions of the Tabernacle and make your floor plan. The outer court converts to 7-inches x 15-inches, etc. Your floor plan should include the outer court, the Holy Place, and the Holy of Holies.

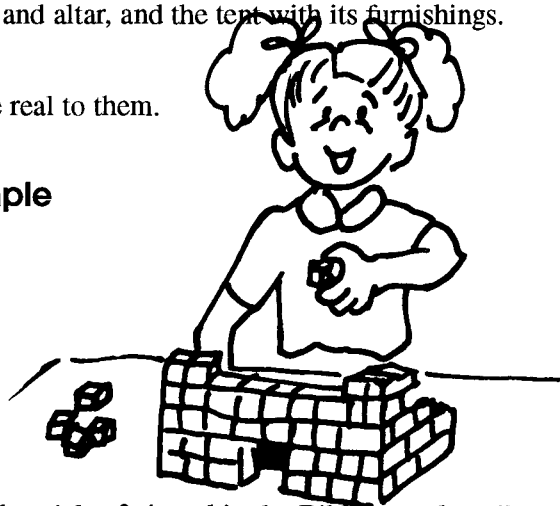
Construct the outer fence, the enclosure, its laver and altar, and the tent with its furnishings. Clearly label all the parts.

With a little creativity the Tabernacle can become real to them.

The Temple

Materials:

Bible encyclopedia
Bible sugar cubes white glue food coloring
9x12-inch piece of board or cardboard



Instructions:

Read the description of Solomon's Temple in 2 Chronicles 3-4, and in the Bible encyclopedia about the Temple, and its historical archaeological information.

The Temple measured about 90 feet long by 30 feet wide by 45 feet high. Use a scale of 1 inch = 10 feet to plan and construct a sugar cube temple. Draw the floor plan of the temple onto the base you will build upon. Build the walls using the cubes as building blocks. Food coloring, diluted in water, can be used to accent the temple. Use the temple as a visual aid.