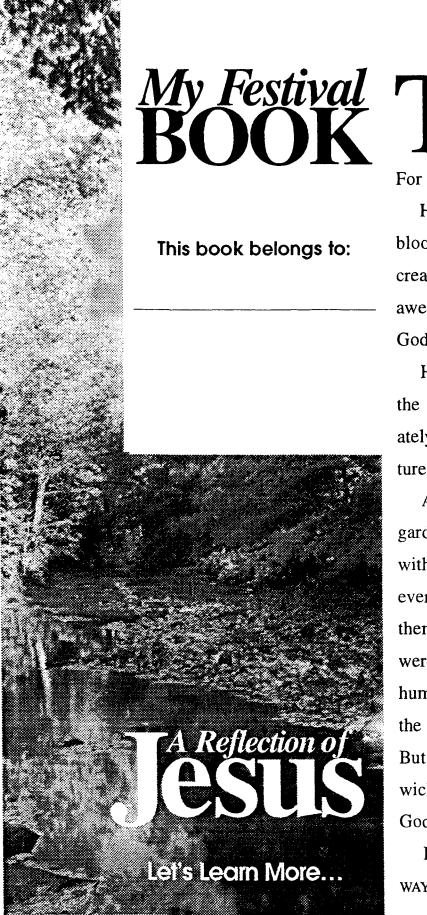
Introduction



hroughout the eons God has not changed from His purpose—His plan for life! For He is LIFE!

He is the Creator of the breath, blood, and spirit of every living creature. Creation itself reflects the awesome nature and handiwork of God, and it is magnificent!

However, when sin entered into the world the effects were immediately seen—and it was a grim picture.

Adam and Eve had to leave the garden, and their special fellowship with God. They were separated from everything God had provided for them. Pain, suffering, and death, were going to be a merciless part of human life. Sin is deadly, and it is the opposite of EVERYTHING GOD IS! But, thanks to God, even Satan's wicked influence couldn't destroy God's plan.

In His great mercy He made A way for us to not be separated from

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Him, and to have life. We know the "way," and that way is Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father EXCEPT through me" (John 14:6).

Deliverance from the deadly results of sin can be found in Jesus Christ; and only through Him.

We hope that learning about the Tabernacle will give you a sense of won-

der because it shows that the nature of God truly is the same yesterday, today, and forever—just like His great plan!

He wants us to LIVE with Him forever, not to die! Oh, what a glorious plan!

Now, let's learn more about Jesus as we look at the Tabernacle in the Wilderness, and the Temple; allow God to teach you more about Him.

Lesson 1 Preparing to Build the Tabernacle



"God loves a cheerful giver"

(2 Corinthians 9:7).

t is important to God that we worship Him with a willing heart. God does not want to force us into worship, but rather He wants us to come eagerly, willingly, with thankfulness.

The building of the Tabernacle is an excellent example of this principle. The people were not taxed, nor were they commanded to tithe, in order to build the Tabernacle. They were told only to give willingly. Those who did not want to give were not required.

Giving with a *cheerful heart* is an important concept to understand. When God told Moses to build Him a Tabernacle, the children of Israel certainly set an excellent example when gathering the material to build God this dwelling place. They gave <u>willingly</u> and <u>cheerfully</u>. They gave so <u>generously</u> that Moses had to restrain them from giving any more.

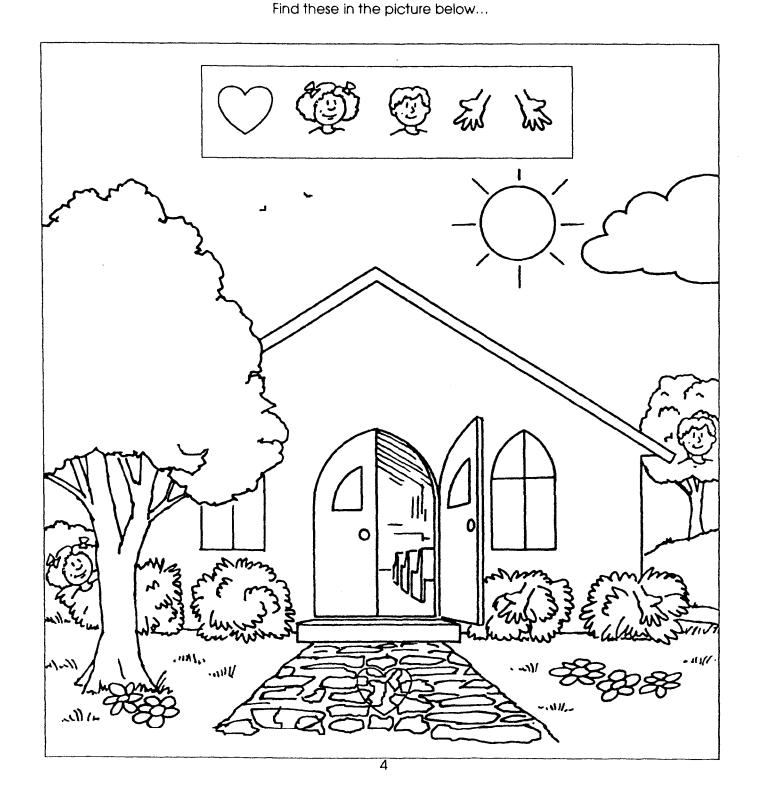
The people could bring gold, silver, or brass. They could offer red, blue, purple, smooth, or hairy thread. They could bring animal skins, wood, jewels, spices, or oil. Anyone who was willing could bring an offering to the Lord.

This spirit of giving signifies trust and thankfulness. You trust that God will meet your needs and you are not afraid to give.

Worship with a Willing Heart

Whether we are rich or poor, young or old, big or little, what can we give to others?

Answer: A generous heart, a warm smile, and helping hands.



What Can I Give to God?

Match the pictures and color

