



# *My Festival* **BOOK**

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*A Reflection of*  
**JESUS**

Let's Learn More...

**T**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 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.

### The Long Road

After delivering His people from their slavery in Egypt, God had to educate them, for the effects of long living within a society that served many gods had to be corrected. Teaching them who He was and how to worship Him—and Him alone, had to be done.

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While overall, as a people, they had retained a knowledge of their beginnings and history, they were still strongly influenced by their long sojourn in this strange country. They needed to know the true God.

But, if God were to dwell among them there needed to be a way for the imperfect man to approach the perfect God.

In its original state the Tabernacle provided tangible reminders to man of a most holy God, and the results of sin. It's very purpose also reveals the redemptive nature of God, for it isn't the death and blood of bulls and goats that God really desired.

Samuel said it well: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams" (1 Samuel 15:22).

We can see the steps a Christian takes at becoming one with God reflected in the Tabernacle worship .

At Sinai, God gave Moses specific instructions concerning

the nature, construction, and furnishings of the Tabernacle (Exodus 25:40). These instructions were not the imaginative decorating schemes of Moses, but the definitive directions of God and showing a lack of respect and faith in God's instructions always bring serious consequences to the one who neglects to listen to God's wisdom. For who is wiser than God—man?

It seems that from the beginning mankind had a nature that says: "I'll do it my way. Why should it matter?" Or, as Cain probably thought, "Why should God not accept what I am willing to give? Am I my brother's keeper? What's the harm?"

It's a tragic fact: Man, without God, does not see the deadly nature of sin.

### Look Back, Look Forward

Our study about the Tabernacle will teach us about many things: Our Savior, our Deliverer, and God's ultimate plan of deliverance and salvation.

God led Israel out of slavery in Egypt with mighty miracles. He

delivered them from the slaughter of the pursuing Egyptians with walls of water. He provided a light by night and shade during the day. He fed them; and led them to a place to reestablish His Way of life among His people.

In this awesome tableau, we see a reflection of the plan God predestined for ALL people—who come out of the slavery of sin; pass through the waters of baptism, are fed, sheltered, illuminated, and led by His *Firstborn* Son.

Jesus, the Firstborn, the King of kings, Lord of lords, will lead many other brothers and sisters, changed from mortal to immortal (truly *born again*), into the Kingdom of God. And ultimately God the Father will come down from heaven to live with His children.

We hope that learning about the Tabernacle will give you a sense of wonder 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!

# A Reflection of JESUS

## Lesson 1 Preparing to Build the Tabernacle

Exodus 25:1-9,22; 36:3-7

It is important to God that we worship Him with a willing heart. God does not want to force man into a mode of worship, but rather He wants us to come eagerly and 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.

### The Willing Heart

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 willingly and cheerfully. They gave so generously that Moses had to restrain them from giving any more.

Can we imagine what it would be like today if we had this same attitude of giving?

### The Spirit of Giving

While the Israelites camped at Mount Sinai, Moses was given the Law. As a part of the Law, God gave Moses specific instructions which involved the building of the Tabernacle.

Moses instructed the people of Israel that they were to make an offering to God (Exodus 25:2-7). 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.

Moses gave the materials to the workmen and told them to use this to build the Tabernacle.

The people gave generously, far more than what was needed (Exodus 36:3-7). Moses had to finally instruct the people not to make any more offerings. There was more

than enough to build God's Tabernacle! God blessed some of the men with the skills of artisans. These men taught others.

This giving spirit comes from God. Jesus reminds His workers, "Freely you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8). This spirit of giving signifies trust. God will meet your needs; don't be fearful. "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you" (Luke 6:38).

You can't beat that! ☐

### Scripture for Today

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

### Questions:

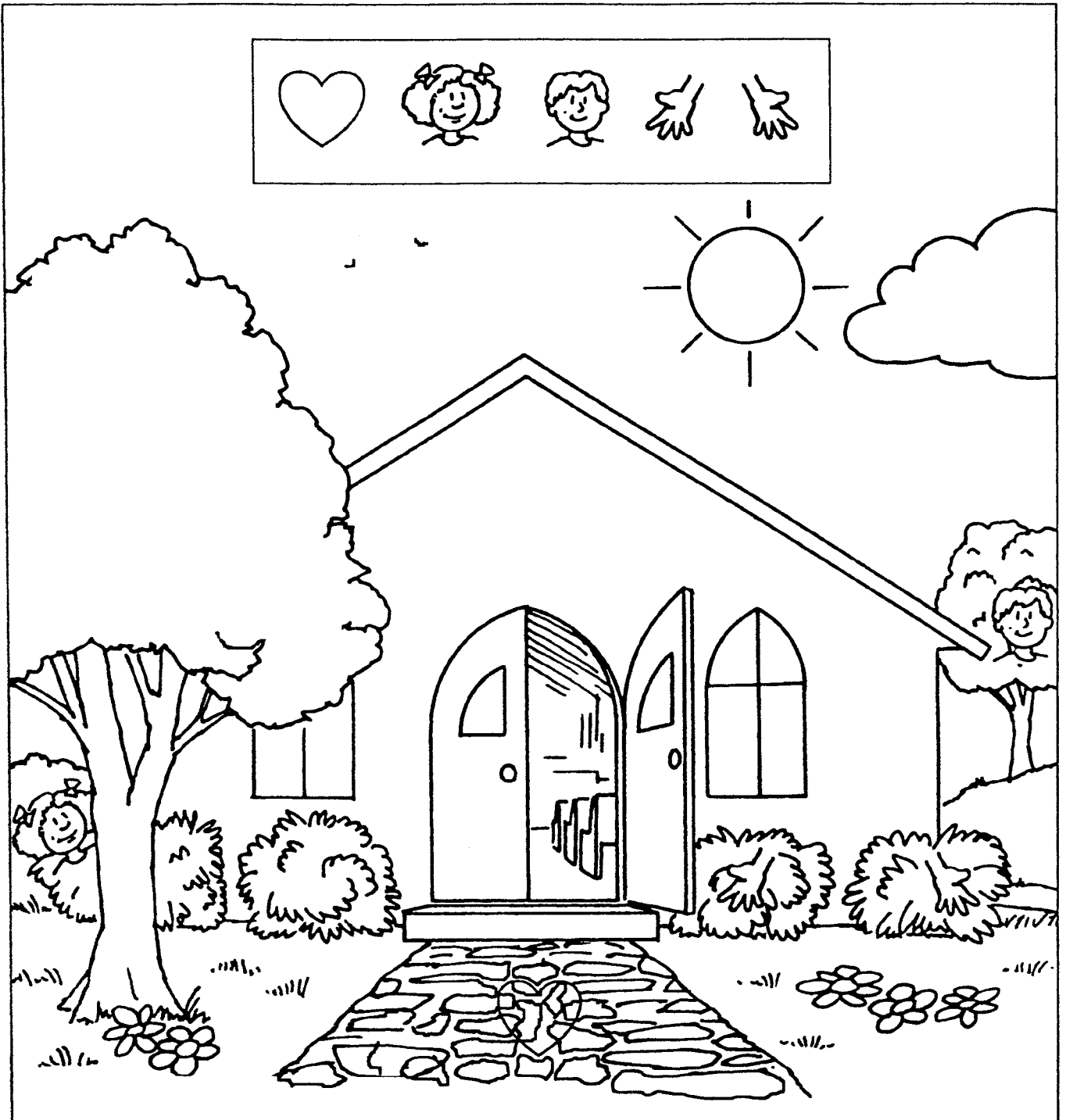
1. Who loves a cheerful giver? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you think giving of your time, substance, and energy is a form of worship? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What does it mean to "give" with a cheerful heart?  
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4. How do you worship God with a spirit of joy?  
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5. Do you think singing is a form of worship?  
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6. God gave His holy Law to the Israelites from what mountain? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Does God want to live among people?  
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8. What did God instruct Moses to build?  
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9. Did the Israelites contribute to building the Tabernacle willingly? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What can we give to our church?  
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11. What can we give to others?  
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12. When we give to others, are we sharing the blessings God has given us? \_\_\_\_\_

## Worship With a Willing Heart

What can we give to others even when we have no money?

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

Find these in the picture below...



## Crossword and Word Search

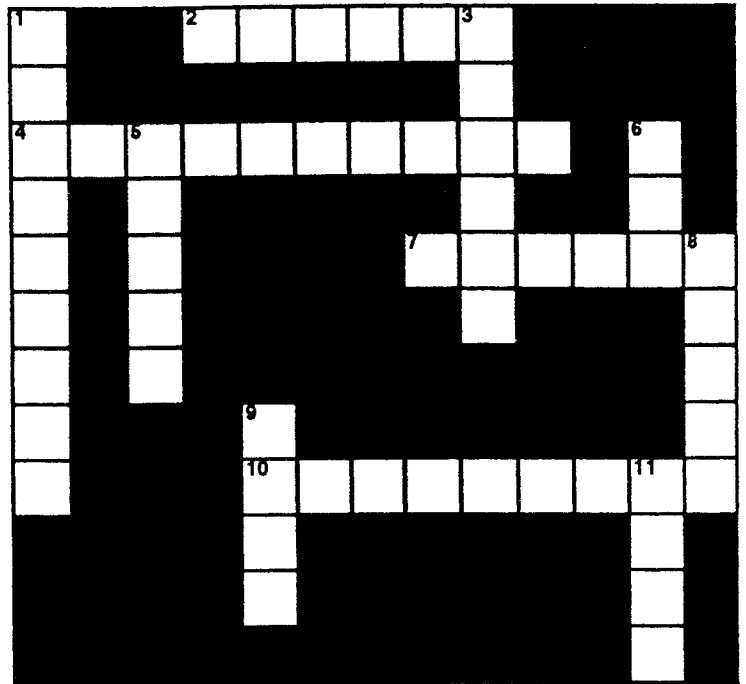
### Preparing to Build the Tabernacle

**Across:**

2. A spicy or aromatic vegetable substance.
4. A portable, tentlike structure.
7. Polished gemstones.
10. Anything offered as a gift.

**Down:**

1. The substance of which something is made.
3. A white, malleable, metal material.
5. A metal alloy containing copper and zinc.
6. Combustible liquid used to light lamps.
8. The treated hides of an animals.
9. The fibrous substance that a tree is composed of.
11. A precious yellow metallic element. Not subject to corrosion.



Answers: Across: 2. Spices; 4. Tabernacle; 7. Jewels; 10. Offerings. Down: 1. Materials; 3. Silver; 5. Brass; 6. Oil; 8. Skins; 9. Wood; 11. Gold.

### Search Me...

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| OFFERINGS  | FURNISHINGS |
| GOLD       | EPHOD       |
| SILVER     | CHERUBIM    |
| BRONZE     | CUBIT       |
| BLUE       | ALTAR       |
| PURPLE     | LAVAR       |
| SCARLET    | MERCY SEAT  |
| LINEN      | LAMPSTAND   |
| YARN       | ARK         |
| OLIVE OIL  | WORSHIP     |
| SPICES     | GOAT HAIR   |
| ONYX       | RAM SKINS   |
| JEWELS     | WOOL        |
| TABERNACLE | HIDES       |



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