

Lesson 46: The Israelites Build the Tabernacle
[Exodus 35:4–36:38](#)

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/JONJPGdGpal>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/2QdSXaTmu-w>

Worship Theme: God wants us to serve him from our heart and do our best.

Memory Verse: "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men" (Ephesians 6:7)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. It's a Great Day <https://youtu.be/Z91SULEHfho>
2. Give Praise to Jesus <https://youtu.be/PtAbR7-xroM>
3. When the Spirit of the Lord <https://youtu.be/RODHIMCRzw4>

Prayer

Song: Select songs from the list above

Icebreaker: "What Is My Gift?"



1. Ask the children to stand up and say one thing that they are really good at. They can be singing, dancing, playing sports, drawing, caring, being kind, etc.
2. Remind the children that God gives everyone special gifts that we can use to serve God and God's people.

Introduction:

God gives each person special abilities so that we'll each be perfectly prepared to do the things God wants us to do. Our job is to obey God and to do those good works in the best way possible. When we serve God with our whole heart, we're showing God how much we love him. The Israelites served God in the best way. Let's find out what they did.

Bible Story:

In our bible story today, God asked the Israelites to build a tabernacle. A tabernacle is like a church, but it's also a tent that can be moved from place to place easily. Because Israelites did not enter the Promised Land yet, they were moving from place to place. This is why God asked the Israelites to build a tabernacle - so that it can be moved easily. God asked the people to bring the materials to build the Tabernacle. The people brought gifts of cloth, leather, wood, gold, and precious stones to build the Tabernacle.

God also had a special person in mind to be in charge of building the Tabernacle. God chose Bezalel to be in charge. God gave Bezalel special talents so that he would make the Tabernacle a special and beautiful place for the people to worship God. Bezalel taught the people how to do excellent work. And together, Bezalel and the other workers worked hard and created a beautiful Tabernacle for God. Bezalel and the Israelites were happy and willing to serve God with their building skills. God deserves our excellent service. Bezalel and the Israelites served God with excellence. We can, too.

Questions to discuss:

1. What did God ask Israelites to build for him? (A Tabernacle)
2. Why was the Tabernacle built as a tent? (So that it can be easily moved because the Israelites were not in the Promised Land yet)
3. Who did God choose to build to be in charge of building the Tabernacle? (Bezalel)
4. In what ways can you serve God? (coming to church, reading the bible, caring for other people, sharing the Good News, respecting parents, loving friends, etc.)

Game: "Can You Do It?"

1. Teacher will call on a student and ask, “Can you do it?”
2. The student will say, “Yes, I can!”



3. Then the teacher then chooses something for the student to do. (sing a song, clean the desk, jump up and down, say something nice to a friend, give a big smile, run around the room, etc.)
4. Make sure all the children are called to participate in the game.
5. Remind the students that we need to be willing to serve God and do our best job when we serve God.

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Craft: “I Will Serve God” Coloring Page

Song: Select songs from the list above

Prayer

Teacher’s Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Our relationship with Jesus gives us daily opportunities to serve him. He is our friend, our Creator, and our Savior. Service is a choice we make on a daily basis. But how often do you analyze your motives for serving? Wrong motives can rob us of blessings and limit our effectiveness in service. Look at the following list, and objectively respond to these statements:

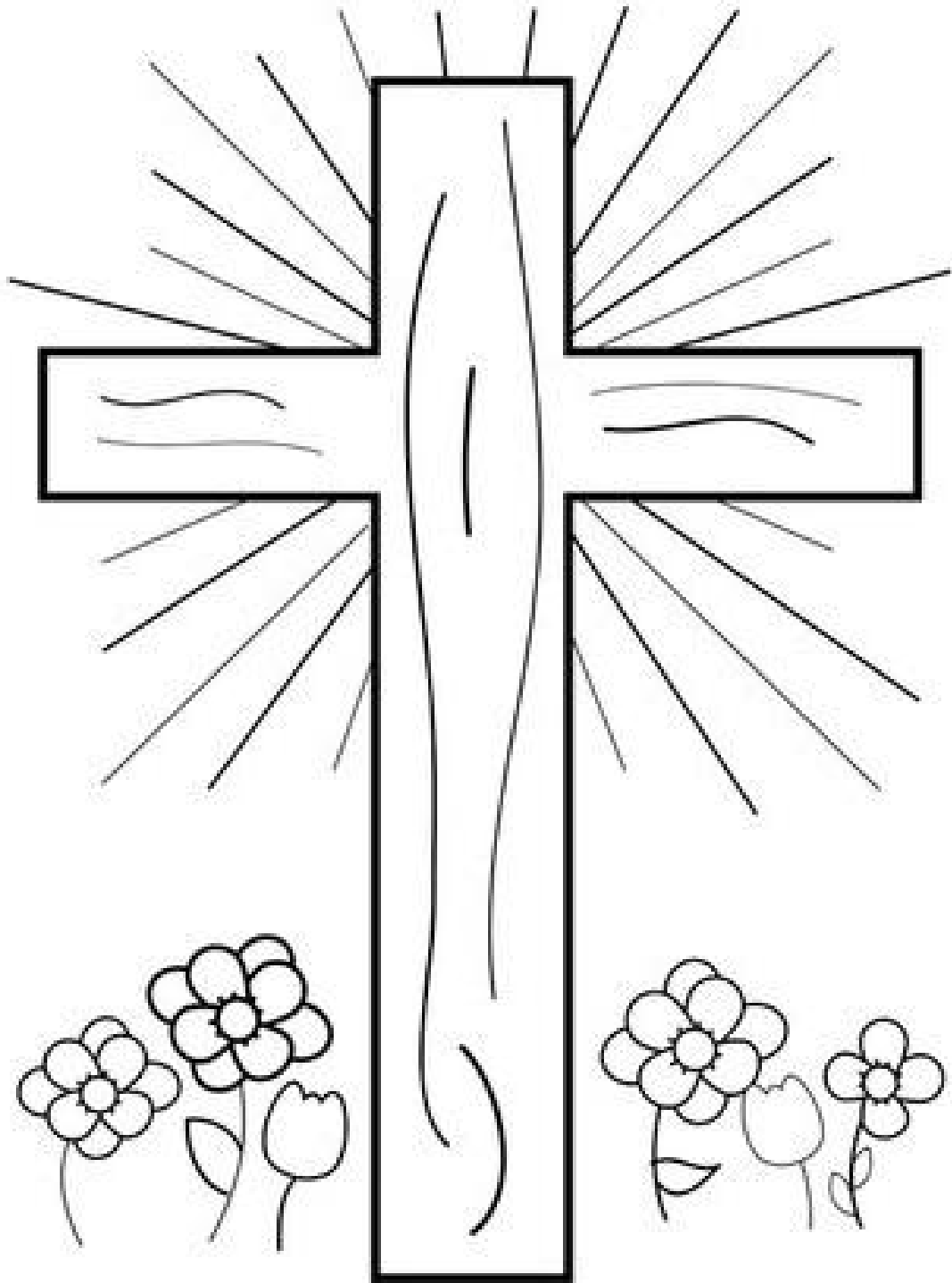
- I serve to please...
- I find my identity in...
- I must prove myself by...
- I need to be depended on for...

For the Christian, service comes out of thankfulness for salvation and devotion to honor our Creator. If we are not serving for those reasons, perhaps we are really serving ourselves.



Memory Verse: _____

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