



**The Lawgiver's Tabernacle**  
**For groups meeting**  
**Jan 31- Feb 6, 2016**

**Start with FREE PLAY [15 Minutes]**

Provide small manipulatives or board games if not outdoors

***Use PROPS in Treasure Chest to introduce each session of the 5 W's:***

*Using props helps kids engage and get into a weekly routine of knowing what comes next. Once a weekly routine is established, kids will know what to expect and therefore learn what is expected of them. Store props in treasure chest.*

**WELCOME [5 Minutes]**

Take wood box with questions from treasure chest. Pick & discuss 1 card per week

**WORSHIP [5 Minutes]**

Choose 2 Songs from Kidz 'n Groups CD provided. Play and sing.

YouTube links to motions are provided on CD cover if desired. Kids love motions!

**Pray to WIN [5 Minutes]**

Take the cross from the treasure chest. Read what is on the cross to remind kids that we should pray every day. Place nearby. (Step 1 is necessary if not previously done) **Step 1:** Say "We are going to pray and ask God to help us think of one person we know, who doesn't know Jesus." Then pray. Pass out the

'I PRAY' cards. Have kids write the name of the person that God brought to their mind. Have the group pray for Jesus to win the heart of each person by believing the gospel. Review what the gospel is if needed. Prayer time can be done as a group or by one person praying for all. **Step 2:** Pass cards with names (or a drawing of the person) out each week and pray for the people on the cards. Occasionally ask kids for updates on the person they are praying for. Collect the cards and store in envelope for future weeks.

**Treasure the WORD [10 Minutes]**

Show kids the Bible and Key. Read the sentence on front of the Treasure Chest. Encourage kids to read their Bible everyday. Teach young children weekly how to find the book, chapter and verse.

**Pre-Prep Lesson Activity w/materials needed.**

Kids love role play. Prepare in advance to read God's word from the inside of His 'Tabernacle.' Be creative with items you have readily available. A kid's play house with nylon and poles, a card table and a large sheet, a pop-up tent, or anything else that would serve as a place that would hold all the kids to read, learn and study today's Bible story. Gather anything that is gold, silver bronze, scarlet, blue and/or purple yarn, fine linen, manatee skins (just kidding), a lamp stand, silver bowls, etc. If desired, read through Exodus 25-40 and gather anything you want to mention in your tabernacle.

## Treasure the **WORD** [10 Minutes]

**Explain:** Gather the kids together and all the items you have prepared. Tell them that today's Bible story comes from the book of Exodus where God describes with precise detail exactly how a tabernacle should be built for Him to dwell among the Israelites. Tell them you will read about specific people that God chose to build it and that the people were to give items from their personal belongings to be used. Ask the kids if they remember from the previous lesson how God had the Egyptians give them gold, silver and bronze before they left Egypt. These were items that would now be used for God.

**Build:** Assist children in 'building' a tabernacle from the items gathered.

**Explain:** Before we get inside our tabernacle and read today's Bible story, you should know that the people of Israel could not enter the tabernacle like we are about to. Aaron (Moses) brother, and his son's were anointed with oil by Moses and they could enter the tabernacle, but only certain parts of it. The tabernacle was where God's glory dwelt (lived) because he could not live among sin. We know today that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23) except for Jesus. Jesus never sinned. This story was before Jesus came to earth and lived among people. We can enter our tabernacle because Jesus died on the cross and took the punishment for our sin. His blood (shed on the cross) makes us righteous (holy/perfect) and we can live in the presence of Jesus and God. So let's climb in our tent and read about the building of God's tabernacle in the Old Testament.

**Read: Exodus 25:1-9; 31:1-6; 39:32-43; Exodus 40: 34-35**

### **Finding the treasure in God's Word:**

God gave the Israelites the tabernacle as a visual picture of His dwelling with them. The tabernacle—and later the temple that replaced it— was a temporary place for God's glory to dwell until the coming of Christ (2 Cor. 4:6) Every part of the tabernacle was designed to illustrate God's relationship with His people.

Christ is the New Testament fulfillment of the OT tabernacle. John 1:14 says the "the Word became flesh and took up residence among us." Jesus made His dwelling with the people. He tabernacled with them. (Rev. 21:3) Jesus was God's plan to bring the people back to Himself.

### **WORKS Challenge [10 Minutes]**

Kids will use Kindness Coins and choose to accept or decline the challenge each week to 'work for Jesus' by passing on what they have learned. Be stingy with the coins. Only give a kid a coin if he or she agrees to accept and follow through with the challenge. Start each week by asking the kids that took the challenge the week before to tell about what they did and who they gave the coin to.

A challenge must be completed and a coin given to the recipient before a new challenge is accepted.

**Challenge:** In today's Bible story we heard about 2 men that God gave special abilities and intelligence to craft beautiful creations within the temple. Ask your parents, grandparents, an aunt or an uncle if they know someone who has used the gifts and abilities God has given them to glorify God in some way. Then give that person a kindness coin. Tell them they can pass it on, but only if they want to.

**End with FREE PLAY**

**\*Lesson Coloring pages:** found at [www.enewlife.com/ministries/small-groups/resources](http://www.enewlife.com/ministries/small-groups/resources)  
**Recommended DVD's:** Superbook or What's in the Bible or Outdoor Play