



**Quarter 2 — Lesson 25**



## Year 3—Quarter 2: The Church is God's Idea

### Tabernacle (OT Church)

#### Sacrificial Worship

When you give a gift to someone you love, a family member or a friend, you would like to give them something they like, right? Because you want to make them happy and tell them you love them.

**Explain:** When we give to God, we also want to bring something that pleases Him. What do you think God like to receive from us? (*allow answers*)

The O.T. Tabernacle was all about worship. Part of the worship was praise and thanksgiving through singing and dancing, but also a big part of the worship in the tabernacle happened through sacrifices.

The Israelites brought animals (*hold a toy lamb*) and different types of food to the tabernacle as offerings and sacrifices to God.

#### Apply:

Though we do not bring animal sacrifices anymore, part of our praise is still to give to God.

When we come to worship we must always bring thanks to God, and that is the only appropriate way to approach our King. But we can always give other things to God.

Why does God want us to give to Him if He doesn't need it? God is interested in our hearts, and He wants us to love Him more than anything else.

#### Power Point

God wants  
our heart to  
be fully His.

#### Object Lesson: Drink Lemon Juice

Before the session, buy a bottle of pure lemon juice and have two small bathroom cups. To illustrate how the sacrifice that Jesus made was for our benefit, ask for two volunteers who will come up and drink pure lemon juice with no sugar added. If they drink it, they will get a piece of candy, but they have to give the candy to a friend. This will demonstrate how one person's sacrifice benefits someone else.



#### MEMORY VERSE

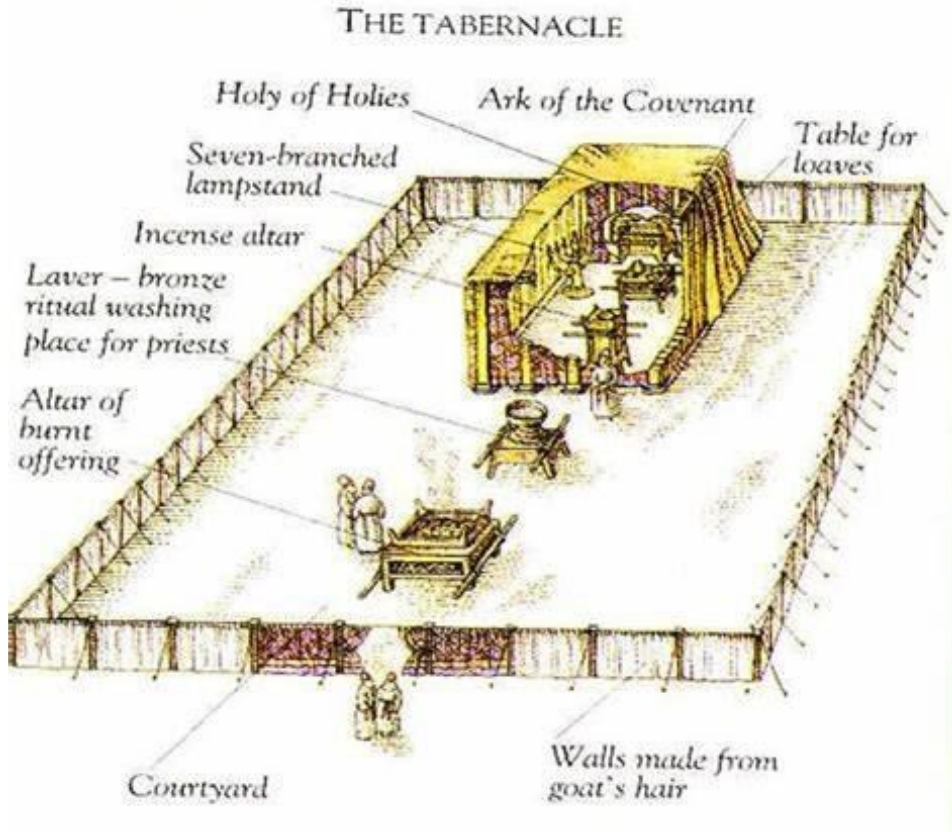
"I will praise you,  
Lord my God, with  
all my heart; I will  
glorify Your name  
forever."  
- Psalm 86:12



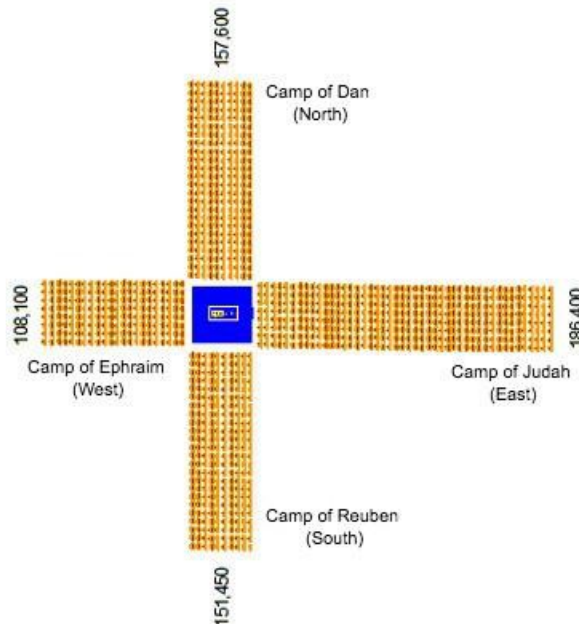
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### Tabernacle Illustrations

Use these illustrations as you teach your class about the Tabernacle. The animal sacrifices were symbolic pictures of Jesus' death on the cross.



Explain to your class that the Israelites were instructed by God to camp in tribe groups North, South, East, and West of the Levites (*who camped around the Tabernacle*). This means that an aerial view of their camp would look like a cross.



# Take-Home

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### Summary

#### Bible Passages:

Ps. 86:12; Ex. 25-31, 35-40

#### Main Point:

God wants our heart to be fully His.

#### Discuss:

Q: Why does God want us to give to Him?

A: He wants our heart to be fully His.

Q: What does giving do to our worship?

A: By action we show that we mean what we say.

### Explore the Bible

**Parent Read:** Exodus 25-31, 35-40 and then summarize for your child, telling them that God gave Moses specific instructions to build the Tabernacle, a special place for worship.

**Ask:** “Have you ever seen a tent? Explain that the Tabernacle was like a special tent where the Israelites worshiped God.

**Discuss:** The different parts of the Tabernacle (e.g., the altar, the Holy of Holies) Emphasize that the Tabernacle was a place where God’s presence was with His people. Today, we don’t need a Tabernacle because Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us.

### Family Activity

#### Craft:

Make a mini Tabernacle model using paper and craft supplies. (Or play dough) Your family can create different parts of the Tabernacle and assemble them together.

### Apply and Pray

**Apply:** Encourage your family to think of ways they can show their love for God in their daily lives, such as being kind, helping others, and praying.

**Prayer:** Close with a prayer thanking God for His love and asking Him to help us worship Him in our daily lives.