

God's Mighty Hand



Lesson 13

God's Glory Fills the Tabernacle

Theme: Worshiping God just as He commands.

Memory Verse

“Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.”
Exodus 40:34

Daily Bible Readings

Thursday Exodus 35:1-19
Friday Exodus 35:20-21, 30-35; 36:1
Saturday Exodus 36:2-7
Monday Exodus 39:32-43
Tuesday Exodus 40:1-16, 34-38

While he was up on Mount Sinai for forty days and nights, Moses received God's law for His people. God gave a law that would help the people be His people and make it possible for Him to dwell among them. Much of the law was about Israel's worship – the place of worship, men who would lead in worship, and the way to worship a holy God. The place of worship was the *tabernacle*. The men to lead in worship were the *priests*. The way of worshiping God was by *sacrifices*.

God gave instructions about the tabernacle, priesthood, and sacrifices. The people of Israel were to supply the money and materials needed to build the tabernacle and everything necessary for their worship. Skilled craftsmen were to do the work and carefully follow God's instructions. Worshiping God was important and was to be done in a serious way.

Israel Builds the Tabernacle

The tabernacle was a tent covering a frame of wood. Sometimes, the tabernacle is called the tent of meeting because here God met with His people in a special way. God gave detailed instructions about the tabernacle and the items in it. The people of Israel wanted the tabernacle to be a place that honored God. They gave so much money and materials for the tabernacle that Moses told them not to give any more. Israel's best craftsmen carefully followed God's instructions in making the materials and building the tabernacle.

The craftsmen who worked on the tabernacle followed God's instructions carefully. The place of worship was an important place and was built just as God said. We honor God by obeying and worshipping Him in the way He directs in His word.

Glory Fills the Tabernacle

God instructed His people to build the tabernacle as a special and holy place so He could dwell among them. God is not a person as we are who would need a house for protection, but He provided a place where His people could worship Him.

Once the tent was completed and in place, a cloud covered it and the Lord's glory filled the tabernacle. Glory is a glowing fire that is bright and shining. God's glory is His greatness and majesty.

Because God is such an awesome God, even Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle when it was filled with God's glory. For years to come, God directed His people with a cloud by day and fire by night. With His mighty hand, God

Exodus 35:1-19

People were to contribute because they:

had to wanted to
were able to

Name 5 things they could give:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Name 5 things they had to make according to God's instructions:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

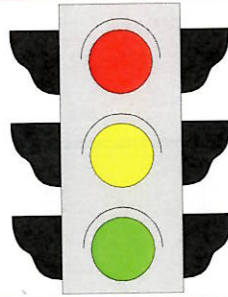
Exodus 35:20-21, 30-35; Exodus 36:1

These people had great skill and talent because:

they studied a long time
their fathers taught them
God gave it to them

delivered His people from slavery then directed them toward the Promised Land. His people were to worship and serve Him every day.

It is difficult to honor God because His rules are so strict.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — most of the time

Yellow — sometimes

Green — almost never

Exodus 39:32-43

In these verses, count how many times it is said that the people of Israel did everything the Lord commanded. Write the number here

_____.

Exodus 36:2-7

True or False? *scribble*
Moses had to beg people for more money to have enough materials for the tabernacle.

Exodus 40:1-16, 34-38

How much of *scribble* what God commanded did Moses do?

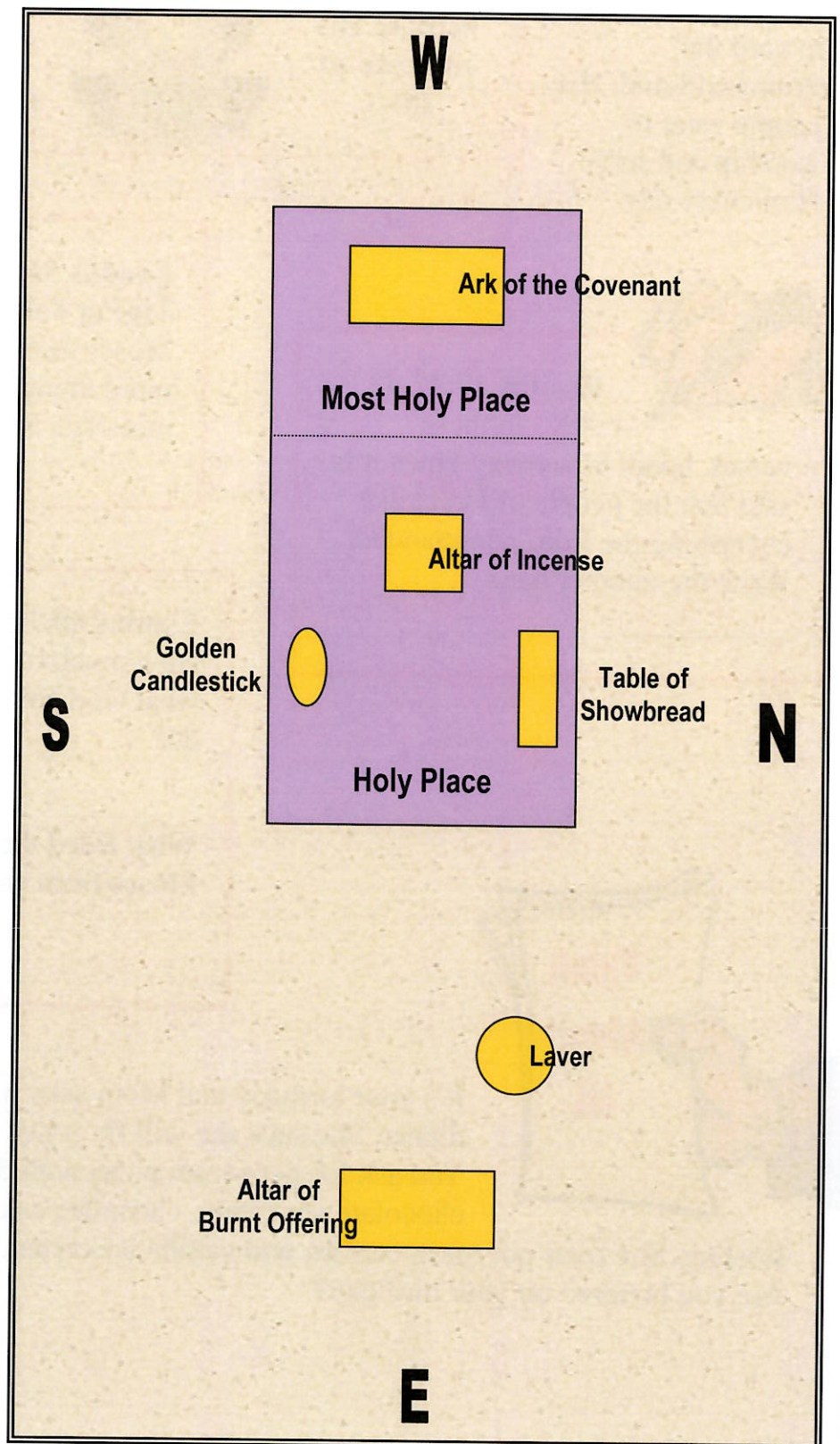
What filled the tabernacle that kept Moses from entering?

**Think
About
It!**

It's your birthday and Mom asks what you want for dinner. She says she will fix it just the way you like it. You ask for pepperoni pizza with double cheese, chocolate ice cream, chocolate cake with chocolate frosting. She fixes pot roast, carrots, and vanilla ice cream. How do you feel? Are you honored on your birthday?

How the Tabernacle was Arranged

Study this drawing carefully. In class, be able to identify the parts of the tabernacle on a drawing which has no words labeling the parts.



High Five for the Bible Facts!



What is the theme of the whole Bible?

By putting numbers in the blanks, put the major stages of Bible history in their proper order.

- ___ Babylonian Captivity
- ___ Jesus Christ
- ___ Promise to Abraham
- ___ Wilderness
- ___ Promised Land
- ___ Slavery in Egypt
- ___ Mount Sinai

On a map inside the back cover, locate the Twelve Tribes and the United Kingdom. Be able to locate Judah, Dan, and Asher in class