



BIG IDEA

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anywhere.

THE BIBLE

The Israelites Build the Tabernacle: Exodus 35:4-35

ACTIVITY | Weary Wanderers

- Hey, friends! This month, we will be hearing some EPIC stories from the Old Testament in the Bible! God's people – the Israelites – wandered through the wilderness for FORTY YEARS! That's a really long time! Let's play a wandering game together.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Ask the kids to line up behind you and hold hands in a long chain. Have them follow you around the room. Pretend to be really tired as you "travel."*

ACTIVITY | Time Flies By

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Place an empty bucket on one side of the room, and a bucket filled with cotton balls on the other side of the room. Instruct the kids to take turns putting as many cotton balls as they can on their spoon and drop it into the empty bucket. Let them do this at a leisurely pace until they use all the cotton balls. Do it again a second time, but this time, give them sixty seconds on a stopwatch or any device with a timer.*
 - **TODDLER HACK:** *Do the same activity but without the spoon.*
- **What was different about the game the second time we played it?**
- **Which time was easier?**
- **Time sometimes goes so fast, and sometimes go so slow! We are going to talk a little more about how we can spend our time!**

TEACHING TIME

MUSIC | Everywhere I Go

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play [this video](#) of "Everywhere I Go" by KidSpring and encourage the kids to sing and dance along.

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- Today, we are going to learn something so important! But first, I have a joke for you! **Want to hear it?**
 - **What time was it when the elephant sat on the clock?**
 - Time to get a new clock!
- Hey, speaking of time, this is our Big Idea for this week: **I can spend time with God anywhere.**
- Spending time with God is one of the most important things we can do! And, we can do it anytime, anywhere!

VIDEO | Epic, Episode 1

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's preschool [teaching video](#).

SCRIPTURE | Exodus 35:4-35

- The Israelites were a group of people in the Old Testament who were known as God's people. They had been wandering through the wilderness for a long time and felt like they were just walking in circles with no direction. So, God gave their leader, Moses, instructions for them to follow.
- One of these instructions was for the Israelites to build a tabernacle! That's an interesting word. Let's say that together: tabernacle. A tabernacle is like a special tent, and the Israelites were able to carry it with them as they traveled. It was a place where the Israelites could go to spend time with God.
- Here are some examples of the instructions God gave the people:
 - Make curtains of fine twisted linen or yarns of blue, purple, and, deep red.
 - Use gold clasps to hold the curtains together.
 - Weave pictures of angels with wings in the curtains. Join them together to make walls.
 - Make a tent around the curtains with goat hair.
 - Make frames from acacia wood and silver bases.
- All together, these things created a beautiful tabernacle for the Israelites for when they wanted to talk to God! Each time they stopped in their travels to rest, they would put up the tabernacle. This reminded them that God was with them wherever they went!

ACTIVITY | Towering Tabernacle

- God gave the Israelites specific instructions on how the tabernacle should be built. Today, we are going to be building some tabernacles of our own!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Separate the kids into groups of three to five and give each group blocks. Instruct the groups to build a tall tower that can support a little bit of weight.*
 - **TODDLER HACK:** *You can skip the adding of magnets bit for toddlers.*
- Now that we've built our tabernacles, let's put these small magnets on top of them. Let's see how many we can put on top before our tabernacles fall over! The tabernacle that can hold the most magnets wins!

PRAYER

- Dear God, We thank You for always wanting to spend time with us and for giving us instructions when we need them. Help us to spend time with You anywhere we are.

DISCUSSION TIME

ACTIVITY | My Tabernacle

- Today, we learned about the tabernacle the Israelites built! God gave them very specific instructions on how to build the tabernacle, but I want to see what the tabernacle would look like if YOU were creating it!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give each kid a "My Tabernacle" printable. Provide them with crayons, markers, coloring pencils, stickers, stamps, pom-poms, etc. to decorate their tabernacle however they want!*

MEMORY VERSE | I Spy a Bible Verse, 1 Samuel 12:24

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Write out the memory verse on a big piece of paper. Then say, "I spy the letter__" and have the kids point out every instance of that letter. Then have them repeat the verse after you.*
- **"But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart, consider what great things he has done for you."**
- **When we spend time with God, we can learn what God wants us to do! And we can spend time with God anywhere!**

PLAY TIME

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a coloring page along with crayons, markers, or colored pencils. Remind them of today's story, memory verse, and Big Idea as they color!

ACTIVITY | Musical Tabernacle

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play some music or sing a song together, and allow the kids to roam around the room anywhere with their chair/cushion. When you stop the music, have them sit on the floor and make prayer hands.
- **What's our Big Idea again?** Oh yeah—I can spend time with God any chair—I mean, anywhere!