

Sharing to Build a Tabernacle

The Exodus Tabernacle*Exodus 35:20-29***Purpose of Activities**

In this session the crew members will learn about sharing in a community by hearing how the Israelites gave freely in order for the tabernacle to be constructed. Through the Bible activities, the crew members will experience what it means and feels like to share. Crew members will learn that Habitat houses are built with donated money, materials, and volunteer labor.

Start-Up Activity**Bible Story/Concept Review**

This Bible story review activity will build on itself each day. At the end of the last day, the children will have completed a giant jigsaw puzzle of a church on a wall in the room or in a prominent place in the church.

Preparation

Use the *Giant Church Puzzle* resource (page 20) to make a church puzzle to use throughout the program. For this session, have the SHARE puzzle pieces ready for the children to put together. Place the pieces face down with loops of masking tape attached to the backs of each puzzle piece.

**Procedure**

Begin the session by reading Exodus 35:20-29. Select several crew members to choose a puzzle piece until all pieces are selected. Encourage the children to work together to arrange the puzzle pieces and anchor them in the proper order at the base of the wall you have chosen. Ask them if they know how the word SHARE relates to today's story. Allow time for discussion. After the

review, explain the Bible activity choices for the day. After the first crew leaves, remove the puzzle pieces so the next building crew can go through the same procedure. After the final building crew visits your area, leave the puzzle pieces in place to use for the next session.

Supplies Needed*The Meeting Place for God's People*

A children's Bible dictionary, butcher paper or newsprint, masking tape, markers and/or crayons, scissors

Share with Someone

Old magazines, glue, scissors, cardboard box

Bringing Our Offerings

A Bible, a variety of offering items as listed in Exodus 35: brooches, rings, earrings, pendants, gold/silver/bronze objects, blue and purple cloth, crimson yarn, leather goods, linen and homespun cloth, stones and gems, oil and spices, dates and figs

Yesterday/Today Boxes

Two boxes or grocery bags, "Yesterday offerings" as listed in the *Bringing Our Offering* activity, "Today offering" items: money, clock or watch to represent time, food, clothing items, books, musical instruments, sheet music, other pictures to represent other gifts

Giant Jigsaw Puzzle

Posterboard, masking tape, markers, crayons, or pencils

Sharing My Gifts

Pipe cleaners, a large brown box labeled "Tent of Meetings"

Sharing Construction

Meeting Tent and Modern Church Puzzles