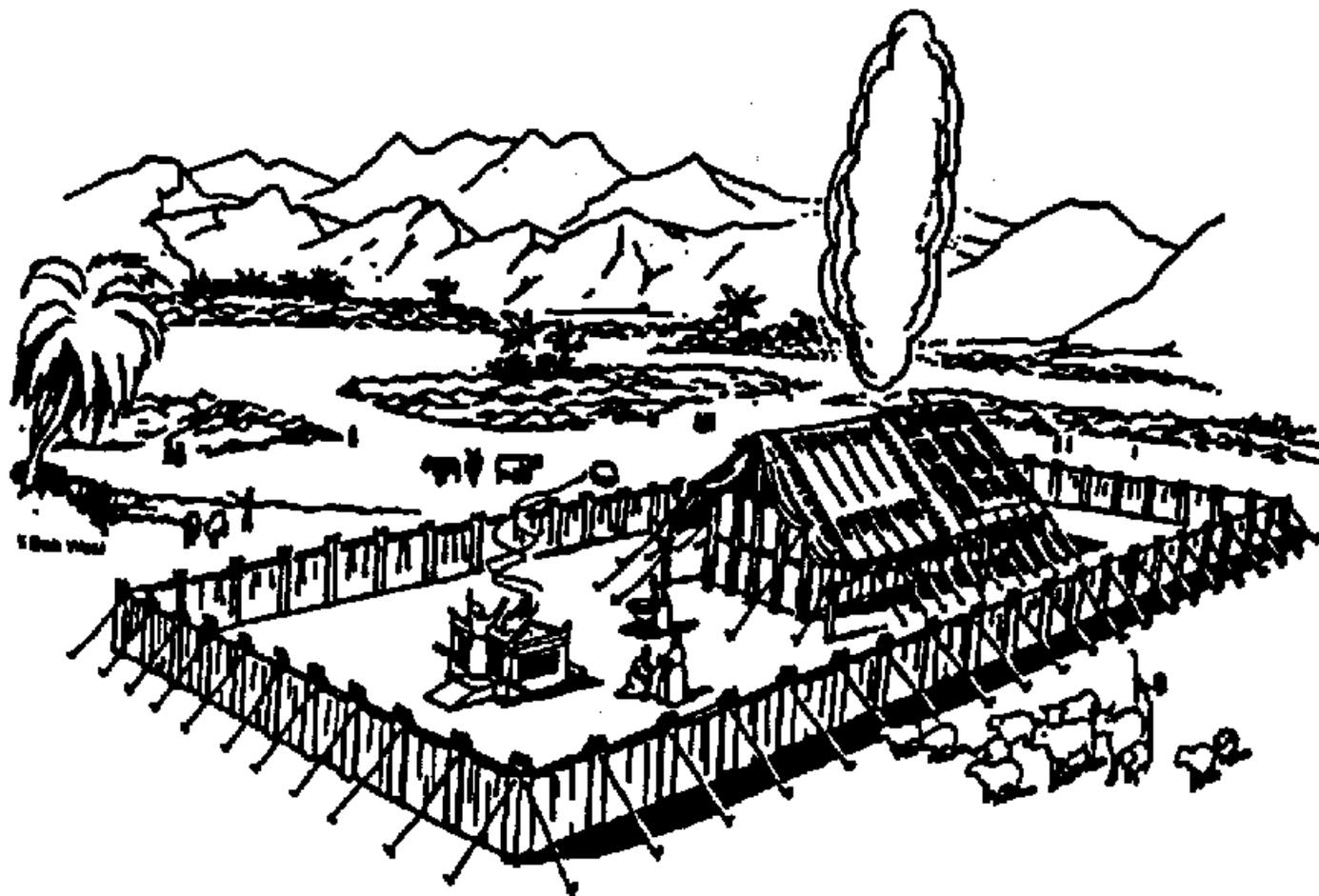


Worship in the Tabernacle

Exodus 35-40; Leviticus 24; Numbers 6, 15



The LORD established sacrifices and services for the welfare of His people and to the glory of His Name.



The Story

Then Moses gathered all of the children of Israel together, and said to them, "These are the words which the LORD has commanded you to do: work shall be done for six days, but the seventh day shall be a holy day for you, a Sabbath of rest to the LORD. Whoever does any work on it shall be put to death."

Moses also spoke to all of the children of Israel asking for those with a willing heart to bring offerings for the building of the tabernacle. The tabernacle would be their place of worship. He also asked for people to give of their talents as well. Many people were needed to work on the outside and inside of the tabernacle. The LORD would give exact directions to follow.

The children of Israel brought back to Moses articles for the tabernacle. Men and women brought jewelry of gold, silver and jewels, spices and oil, cloth, skins, and wood. People gifted and skilled at certain tasks also came forward to work. The children of Israel brought so much in offerings that Moses had to stop them from bringing more. They had given more than was needed!

Then all the workers made curtains woven of fine linen and blue, purple, and scarlet thread with designs of angels on them. They were made the size the LORD had told Moses. They made curtains of goats' hair for the tent over the tabernacle and a covering for the tent of ram skins dyed red, and a covering of badger skins above that. Boards covered in gold made up the outer sides of the tabernacle. The tabernacle was made to come apart and would be carried and moved as the children of Israel roamed in the wilderness.

They made an ark or box of wood and overlaid it with pure gold inside and outside with wooden poles covered with gold so

that the ark could be carried.

The mercy seat on top of the ark was also of pure gold with two angels on each side facing each other with their wings touching. This ark of the covenant was placed in a special room called the Holy of Holies.

Other furnishings of the Holy Place outside of the Holy of Holies included a table for showbread, a golden lampstand, and an altar covered in gold to burn incense.

The area outside of the Holy Place had an altar of burnt offerings made of wood covered with bronze. Once again all of these furnishings had to be made to be moveable and were exactly the size the LORD commanded. There was also a bronze basin or large bowl on a pedestal.

The garments of the High Priest were made with blue, purple, and scarlet thread.

They brought all that they had made to the tabernacle and Moses blessed them.

A cloud of the LORD was above the tabernacle by day and fire by night. It led the children of Israel throughout all their journeys.

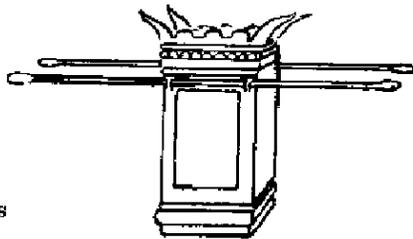
And the LORD spoke to Moses, "This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."

The LORD also commanded Moses to burn many sacrifices for offerings. There were rules for burning animals and rules for bringing grain and drink offerings. The priest was in charge of the offerings and sacrifices. Every sacrifice pointed to the coming Christ, Jesus, Who would be the One Sacrifice needed to save all people from their sins.

Activity One - Place the items of the Tabernacle in their proper place by drawing lines from the items at the top to the diagram at the bottom of the page.



Golden Candlesticks

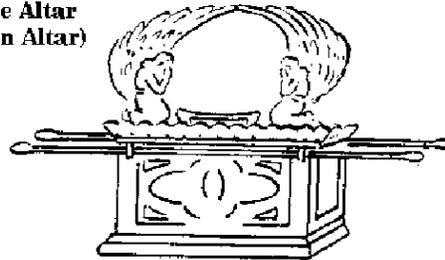
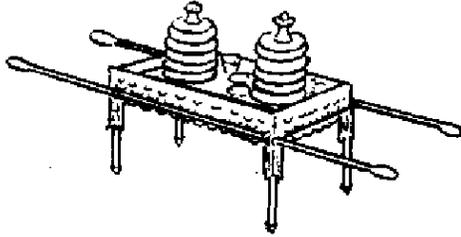


Incense Altar
(Golden Altar)

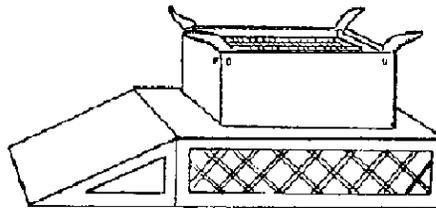


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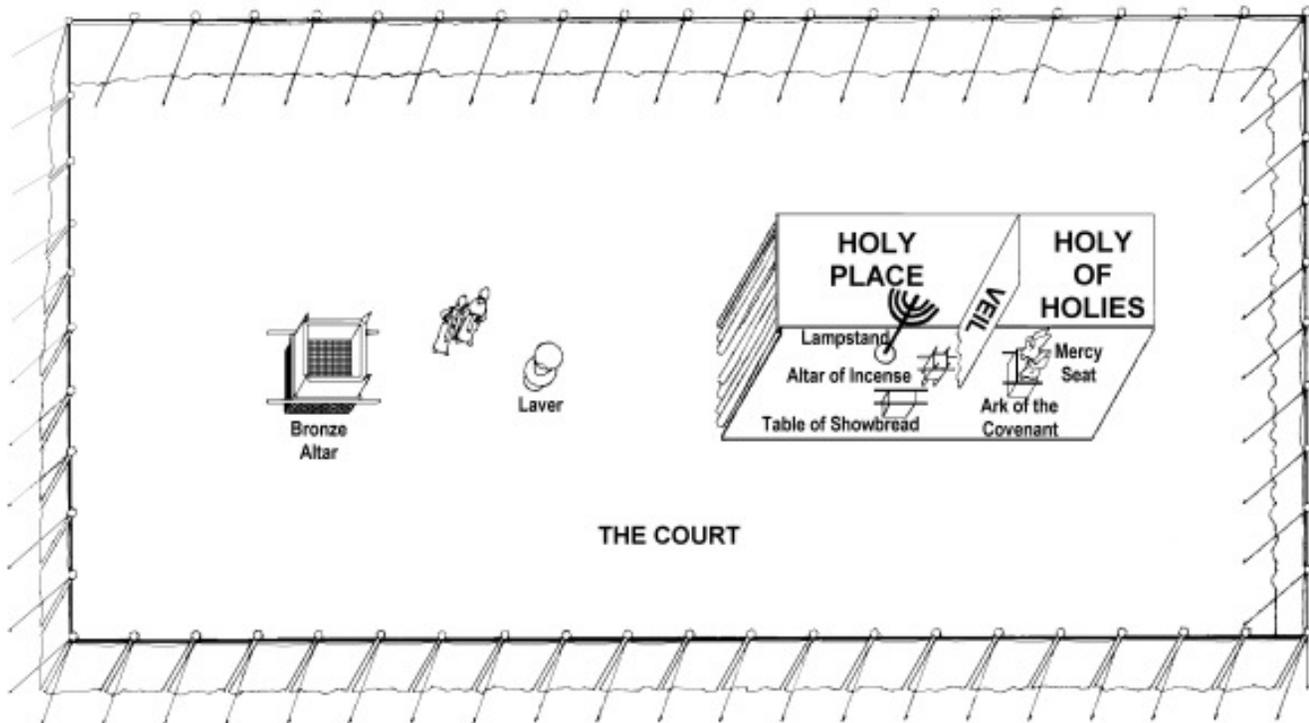
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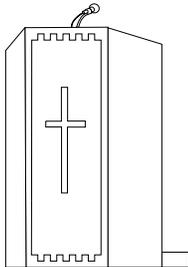
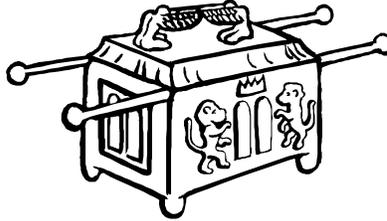
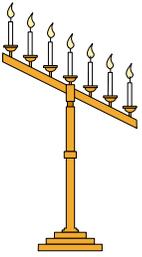
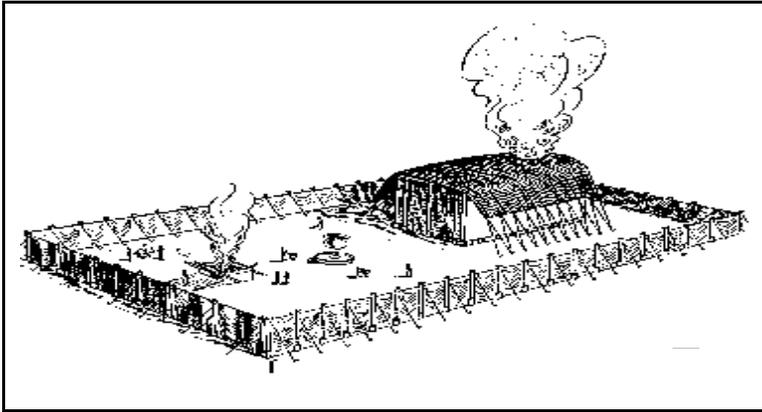
The Ark of the Covenant
(Mercy Seat and Cherubims)



Brazen Altar (Sacrificial Altar)



Activity Two - Does it belong in the Old Testament tabernacle or a church from today?
Draw lines to place the pictures where they belong.



Every Christian is called upon by God to publicly worship Him by hearing His Word, repenting of his sins and receiving the Good News of forgiveness through Jesus.

Activity Two - The children of Israel were told to burn sacrifices for their worship. These sacrifices pointed to the coming Savior Who would take away the sins of the world. Use the Word Box to fill in the names of Jesus below. The pictures will help with the name.



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Risen
of
Lamb
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Passages

1 John 1:7 - "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

Numbers 6:24-26 - "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift us His countenance upon you, and give you peace."

Hymn & Prayer - TLH #2, v. 1-2, 6

To Thy temple I repair;
Lord, I love to worship there
When within the veil I meet
Christ before the mercy seat.

I through Him am reconciled,
I through Him become Thy child.
Abba, Father, give me grace
In Thy courts to seek Thy face.

From Thy house when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
"I have walked with God today." Amen.