

God's Special Church

Games toys and models can help us learn more about real things:

- ore
- 
- A black and white line drawing of a rag doll. The doll has a round face with two small eyes and a simple smile. Its hair is represented by a dense, spiky mass of lines. It wears a long-sleeved, vertically striped jumpsuit or overalls with a large, ruffled collar. The doll is shown in a seated or crouching position, with its legs spread out.

A black and white illustration of a pair of scissors cutting a piece of paper, with a small cartoon character peeking out from the bottom right corner. The page is filled with horizontal lines for writing.

Sunday

God said to Moses "Have the people build me a holy Sanctuary, a special church, so I can live among them. I will give you the plans for the Sanctuary and everything to go in it. Tell the people they may bring special offerings to help with the building; bring gold, silver, and bronze; blue, purple, and scarlet thread; fine linen, goats hair, tanned ram skins and fine goatskin leather; acacia wood, olive oil, spices, incense and gems.

God gave Moses very careful instructions on how to make the new church and everything to go in it.

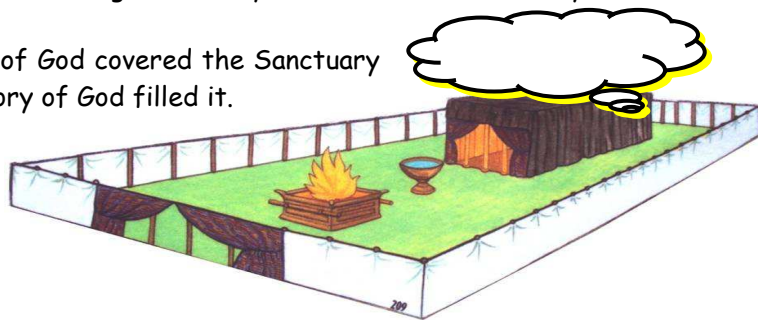
Moses told the people of God's plans and they started work. But the people brought so many gifts that Moses finally had to tell them not to bring any more!

When the parts of the Sanctuary were finished they setup the frame and spread the tent coverings over it.

Moses took the stone tablets with the Ten Commandments and placed them inside the Ark that they had made. The Ark was carried into the Sanctuary, to the back, and the inner curtain hung in front of it to hide it.

Then they placed the table, lamp stand, and incense altar in the Sanctuary. They hung the curtain at the entrance and placed the wash basin outside. The altar of burnt offering was next; then they hung the curtains forming the courtyard around the Sanctuary and the altar.

The cloud of God covered the Sanctuary and the glory of God filled it.



Friday

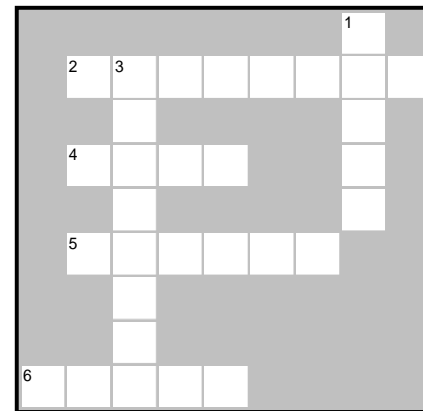
Our modern day churches are not the same as the Sanctuary. Since Jesus died on the cross, God's people no longer have to meet Him in the Temple, but come to Him directly.

What we call a church is more like what the Jews called their Synagogues; it is a place where Christians meet to worship God - although to be more accurate, the word church in the New Testament actually refers to a group of people who meet together to worship God. It's the people rather than the place that are the church.

Here are some verses that describe the church in the New Testament. Use the answers to fill in the crossword.

- Ephesians 2:20 – Who is a cornerstone? (6 across)
- Matthew 6:18 – Who was another cornerstone? (1 down)
- Ephesians 2:20 – Who is the foundation? (2 across and 3 down)
- Colossians 1:18 tells us that "The body of Christ" is a symbolic name for the _____. (5 across)
- 1 Corinthians 12:27 tells us that as Christians we are a part of "The _____ of Christ and Romans 12:5 shares the same idea. (4 across)

In ancient times, the cornerstone not only held the building together, but was also used as a guide for laying the rest of the building; the cornerstone could also refer to the first foundation stone. In more modern times, a decorative cornerstone might be used to show details of the building's origin, benefactors or dedication.



We want to have a nice church building because we love God; but what we do and why we do it is much more important than what the building looks like.

1 Samuel 15:22 NIV, says "To obey is better than sacrifice." - What is in your heart is more important than where and how you go to church.

Thursday

Here are some ways you might be able to help in your church.
By bringing an offering; keeping it clean; being reverent;
helping with the PA, music or flowers, saying a prayer or doing
a scripture reading and by asking your Sabbath School
teacher what else you can do.

T A S A B B A T H B E F R N A
C L C A N Y N E S A N L C T U
A B R I N G I N G R Y O R D O
T W I T H A B E R N A W C L F
E S P R A Y E R A N C E T U F
A R T Y T A B E R N A R C L E
Y O U R E K W H A T S S S A R
O R R E V E R E N T M P A N I
U C E T U E A L R E U Y Y T N
A B E R N P A P C A S K I N G
L S E B Y I S I A C I N N C T
U C L E A N A N R H C Y G T A
B H E I R G N G A E C L E S A
N O C N T U A R Y R T A B E R
N O A G C L E S A N C A T U A
R L Y T A B R E A D I N G E R
N A C L E S A L N O C D T U A
R Y T A B I E S R I N A C L E
S A N C T T H E U N A R Y T A
B E R N A C L E S G A N C T U

Monday

The Sanctuary was designed not just as a house for God, but as a model to teach about God and His plan for Salvation.

The plans God gave to Moses were very specific; they included the exact measurements and material that each piece of the Sanctuary was to be made out of; the exact number of supporting pillars and beams; the size and number of curtains. It was perfectly designed so that it could be disassembled and transported as they moved through on their journey towards the Promised Land. It was functional and practical but also full of symbolism.

Scholars, teachers, pastors and people in general have spent countless hours studying the verses about the Sanctuary and have found many different symbols and allegories in it. (An allegory is something that teaches about something else.)

Here are a few examples:

- Jesus is our High Priest - Read Hebrews 4:14
- Jesus is our sacrifice - Read Hebrews 10:10
- Some people have compared the area in front of the sanctuary with this earth where Jesus was sacrificed. The Holy place in the Sanctuary can be compared to Heaven where Jesus went after he arose, and the Most Holy Place refers to the work of the Judgement that Jesus started doing in 1844.
- The walls teach us about Jesus who was both God and human. The walls were made of wood, which eventually weathers and rots away - just like our human bodies wear out and will eventually rot; but they were covered in gold which lasts forever - gold like a king's crown - and Jesus was also God, the King of the universe who will last forever. When Jesus talked about destroying and rebuilding the temple in John 2:19, He was actually referring to His own body.
- The curtains also teach us about Jesus. They were made of blue, purple and scarlet. Blue was the colour to remind the people of the Law of God, purple was the colour of kings and scarlet or red is the colour of blood. Jesus was our example of how to keep the law of God; He is the King of the universe and was sacrificed for our sins.



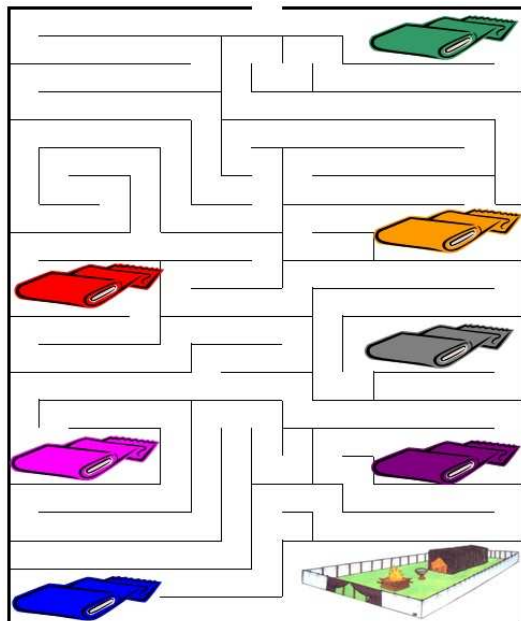
Tuesday

Find your way through the maze by collecting only the colours of thread that the people were to bring.
(See Sunday if you don't remember)

What did each colour represent?

Look up each of the following texts and draw a line to the correct coloured cloth in the maze.

Write one two words to say what each colour represented.



↓	↙	↑	□	⚙	τ	⌚	🌐	👉	❄	★	▶	+
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M

Numbers 15:37-40

👤	☞	➡	↔	⚡	↔	↑	★	×	🏠	⊗	✖	φ
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Hebrews 10:10

↓★👉▶□ +⚙ ↓

Daniel 5:7

👤☞▶✖ ↔👉👤↑↑★↑⚡✖

Why did God want them to build the sanctuary?
Exodus 25:8^{NLT}

↔☞ 👉 ↑👉👤

▶👉✖⚙ ↓+☞👤⌚ ↑🌐⚙+

Wednesday

Look up the Bible verses and use the answers to finish the crossword.

What metals are mentioned in Exodus 25:3^{NIV/NLT}? 9d, 3d, 10a

What colours are mentioned in Exodus 25:4? 10d, 5d, 3a

How many linen curtains did they make in Exodus 26:1? 1d

How many gold clasps or clips are in Exodus 26:6? 2d

How many goats' hair curtains did they make? 4d

How many wall panels, boards or frames were made for the:
South side in Exodus 26:18? 7a

North side? 7d

West end? 6d

How many posts or pillars supported the entrance curtain in Exodus 26:37? 2a

