

The Sanctuary

Say / Ask: Have a look around you – what do you like about the way our Sabbath School looks?

Ask: If you could design your own Sabbath School what would it look like?

- What colours would you use?
- What pictures would you have?
- What would you have on the floor? Etc.

Ask: Would you want your Sabbath School to look beautiful?

Ask: Would you want your Sabbath School to remind you about Jesus?

Say: God had spoken to the Israelites, and written the Ten Commandments down for them, and given more instructions to Moses, and now God was going to give them something to look at as well, something beautiful, and something that would remind them about God.

Bible Story

Say: Just like batteries need to be charged, so our relationship with God needs to be charged regularly too – we do this when we spend time with God.

Sing Songs

Return to tables

Memory Verse: Fill in the blanks and then say the memory verse on the colouring page.

Say: This term we have started a new craft. We are going to learn about the special Church that God told the Israelites to make. It was called the Sanctuary or Tabernacle. Each week we will learn something new about it and add some more pages to the book we will make about it.

Say: God provided the plans for the Sanctuary – every little detail was designed to teach something.

Craft:

- Add the 2 Pages to the back of the book.
- On the "The Walls" page:
 - glue paddle-pop sticks on the wall and pillar
 - cover the paddle-pops gold paper
- On "The Roof" page, glue a fabric sample into each square

Discuss the following depending on age, interest and time:

Discuss in what ways wood is like humanity and gold is like God. (*wood: plain, cheap, can be cut or broken, wears out, can be destroyed, gold: cannot be destroyed, shiny, costly, lasts forever*)

Close your eyes and imagine what it looked like in the Sanctuary

Discuss the meanings of the colours used in the Sanctuary

Discuss how you could make your Sabbath School more beautiful

Discuss how the entire sanctuary was made so that it could be pulled apart and transported (*most parts were transported on carts, except the furniture which was carried – see next question*)

Read about the transportation of the sanctuary in Numbers 3:25-26, 30-31, 36-37 and 7:6-9

Say: God had designed an amazing sanctuary that was not only beautiful, and moveable, but it was also full of object lessons – things that represented or taught about other things. Even the colours were carefully chosen because of what they could teach. The Sanctuary was also built to last – it was used for more than 300 years, until Solomon built the temple.

Finish with Prayer: Thank God for love us so much that He wants to be with us; help us remember that the church is Gods house.