Read Exodus 26:31-33: 30:1-6 to learn the correct colours for this picture.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalms  $122:1_{\rm NLT}$ 

# In the Church

### Sabbath

We don't have the real Sanctuary to look at but here are some things we can look at to learn more about God and Jesus. Find the words in bold.

We can read the **stories from the Bible** and look at **pictures** people have painted about those stories. We can look at, and learn about the **wonderful things that God has created in nature**. We can make our **Church and Sabbath School beautiful** so that it helps us learn about God.

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# Sunday

God gave special plans to Moses for the things to go in the Sanctuary. In the court yard, was the altar for the sacrifices; the sacrifices reminded the people that one day Jesus would come and die for their sins.

Next to the door of the Sanctuary was the wash basin called the laver; the priests had to wash so they were clean when they went into the Sanctuary.

Inside the Sanctuary, the golden lamp-stand or candlestick was the only source of light. When Jesus came to earth He said that He was the light of the world; Jesus is the only true source of wisdom and understanding. Jesus said that His Word, the Bible, would be like a light - showing us the way to live.

The table of Shewbread sat opposite the candlestick and was to remind them that God would provide their needs, both spiritual and physical.

A beautiful red, blue and purple curtain separated the main part of the Sanctuary from the Most Holy Place and in front of the curtain was the altar of incense. The incense was to burn all the time to remind the people that God is always listening to our prayers.



Behind the curtain in the Most Holy Place was the Ark. It was a



beautiful gold box; which would hold the Ten Commandments and a bowl of Manna - the food that God had provided. The top of the box was solid gold, and was called the Mercy Seat. Above the Mercy Seat two golden angels stood, looking down. The light of God filled the Most Holy Place so that no one could enter.

The priests had special jobs to do, some every day, others once a week, and some once a year. Each job was to teach the Israelites something about sin or about how Jesus would come to save us from sin

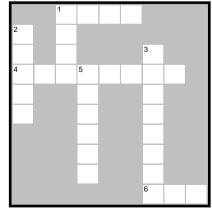
#### Friday

How is your prayer life? Put an X on the line to indicate your answers to these questions.

Do you pray several times a day?
No Yes  Do you pray about all sorts of things?
No Yes  Do you feel that God hears your prayers?
No Yes
Do you like praying? NoYes
<b>Do you feel that God is your friend?</b> No Yes
God wants to be our friend; He wants us to talk to Him about everything; He wants us to talk to Him often, just like you talk to your friends.
Find the missing words in these verses and use them to solve the crossword.
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 <sub>NIV</sub> , "Rejoice always, (1 across) continually, give (5 down) in all circumstances"
Philippians 4:6 <sub>NLT</sub> , "Don't worry about (3d); instead, (1d) about everything. Tell (6a) what you need, and

1 John 5:14<sub>NIV</sub>, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask \_\_\_\_\_(4a) according to His will, He \_\_\_\_(2d) Us.

thank Him for all He has done."



## **Thursday**

How often do you eat physical food?

In Matthew 4:4, Jesus said that spiritual food is even more important that physical food, so surely we should be getting spiritual food as often as we eat physical food; daily Bible study should be as important to a Christian as eating.

How often do you do Bible study, including reading the Bible, Bible stories or your Sabbath School lesson?

Here are some suggestions to make Bible study easier. Find the underlined words in the grid.

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- Pray beforehand
- Try different parts of the Bible:
   The <u>Gospels</u> Matthew, Mark,
   Luke and John which tell about
   Jesus are a great place to start.
- Look up some of your <u>favourite</u> <u>Bible stories</u> like Noah or Daniel.
- Read from a Bible story book
- Watch the Bible Society DVD's; which closely follow the Bible.
- Watch other Bible movies and compare them to the Bible.
- Do your <u>Sabbath School lesson</u>
- Talk about what you have read
- Do your Bible study at the <u>same</u> time every day; find a time that is easiest for you.
- Have a <u>special place</u> to do your Bible study – somewhere where you will not get distracted by other things.
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# Monday

As you can see, each item of furniture in the Sanctuary was specifically designed by God to teach something about God and His plan of salvation. This week we will concentrate on the Table of Shewbread

and the Altar of Incense.

Read the instructions for the shewbread in Leviticus 24:5-9 and answer these questions.

How many loaves of bread were there?  $_{(3a)}$  How many rows, stacks or piles were they placed in?  $_{(2d)}$ 

How many per row, stack or pile? (4d)
On what day was the bread set out? (4a)
The bread was a sign of a lasting or eternal

\_\_\_\_ (1d)

The priests were to \_\_\_\_(6a) the bread while in the sanctuary, because the bread

was \_ \_ \_ \_ (5d).

Read the instructions for the altar of incense in Exodus 30:7-10

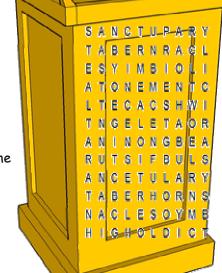
What did the <u>High Priest</u> burn on this altar? \_\_\_\_\_ How many times a day did he do this?

Was this <u>altar</u> used for any other offerings? \_ \_

What did the High Priest put on the horns on the Day of Atonement which happened once a year?

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Find the underlined and missing words in the grid.



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What does Philippians 4:19<sub>NIV</sub> tell us that God will do?

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The Table of Shewbread reminded the people that God would provide what they needed. But it also had a deeper spiritual meaning.

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When Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, telling Him to turn stones into bread, what did Jesus say? Matthew 4:4

Jesus was saying that <u>spiritual</u> needs are much more important than <u>physical</u> needs.

Jesus talked about spiritual hunger and thirst again in John 6:35. What did Jesus call Himself?

The \_ \_ \_ \_ of \_ \_ \_ \_

## Wednesday

Every morning and evening the priest burnt incense on the altar of incense and watched as the sweet smell of rose towards heaven.

The incense was a reminder to pray.

In Ps 141:2<sub>NLT</sub> Daniel writes,
"<u>Accept my prayer as incense offered to you</u>."

Many of John's visions, which he recorded in Revelation, contained incense. In Revelation 5:8<sub>NLT</sub> he saw "gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of God's people."

Incense is a combination of gums, herbs or spices which aives off a sweet smell when it is burnt. The incense used in the Sanctuary was made by carefully following a recipe or formula. One such recipe is given in Exodus

> 30:34-38; it was a holy

incense and

Fit the underlined words in the grid.

