

TABERNACLE FINISHED FOR WORSHIP

Exodus 40: Leviticus 1-7

Lesson Memory Verse: Matthew 4:10b “. . . for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”

Lesson Aim: To teach the children to worship God by being saved God's way and by living their lives God's way even though they may not always understand why God does it that way.

Lesson Plan: Use the KEY - HE - SEE - WE - BE plan (explained in the Introductory Notes).

KEY (for Attention): Jim got several presents for his birthday. It was very exciting to open them and see what they were. When he opened up one of them he saw that it was a kite, but it was a very strange kind of kite. It was called a “box kite.” He had never seen one like this before and he could not understand how it could fly. But he decided he would build it and fly it that very day.

Jim's father had to go to work and so he told him to read the instructions carefully and follow them step by step. Jim started to do just as his father had said, but soon he laid aside the plans and decided to build his box kite the way he thought it should be done. When he thought he had finished making it, he tried to fly it, but it would not fly. He tried and tried, but everything he tried would not make his box kite fly. So he thought his parents had tricked him and given him a strange kite to fool him, and this thought made him angry.

When Father came home from work that night, he saw something was wrong with Jim. He asked him how he was coming along with his box kite. Jim pouted and would not answer his father. Then Father asked him if he had gotten his box kite to fly. Jim mumbled, “No, because box kites do not fly.” Then Jim began to cry and said, “You tricked me and gave me an old box kite for my birthday that would not fly.” Father was deeply hurt and asked Jim to bring the box kite to him with the instructions. When Jim did, Father asked him if he had followed the instructions carefully. Jim shook his head. He told his father that he knew how to build kites and so he did not need to follow these instructions. But Father reminded him that he had never built a box kite before, and that he needed to follow these instructions carefully if he wanted this kind of kite to fly. Then Father and Jim looked at the instructions together.

After working on the box kite for a while, Father helped Jim in correcting some mistakes he had made. When they had done everything the instructions told them to do, Father said, “Let's go out and fly the box kite.” So Jim carried the kite and they went to a nearby ball field. Jim really wondered if this strange kite would really fly, but Father said it would. So Jim took hold of the string and ran with it a short distance. Up went the box kite. It was flying! It looked strange to see the box-like kite flying, but it surely was!

Then Jim realized how important it was to follow the instructions. When he tried to build the kite his way, it would not fly, but when he followed the instructions, it did fly. The strange looking kite really did fly.

Some people worship God just like Jim built his box kite. They worship God their way instead of reading the instructions in God's Word to worship God according to His way. Some people say they are worshipping God when really they have many other things in their lives that are more important to them than God. What does our memory verse say about that? (Read Matthew 4: 10b.)

HE (for Authority): Our memory verse says that we are to worship God and Him only. No one else and nothing else should be as important to us as God. Our memory verse also says that we must serve God. We show our worship of Him by the way we serve Him. We do not worship God by simply going to Sunday School and church to sit and listen. We worship God when we serve Him as He says in the Bible.

SEE (for Apperception) and WE (for Application): PLEASE do not read these comments until you have read the Scripture for this lesson. First let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from His Word.

In today's lesson we will see how important it was that Moses obeyed God exactly as he was told in order to worship Him.

I. Introductory Information

God told Moses just how he and his people were to worship Him. He told them exactly how to make the Tabernacle, now to make the furniture in the Tabernacle and how to offer the right sacrifices. If Moses wanted to please God, he had to follow His instructions. That would show that he respected God and truly worshipped Him. If Moses only followed part of God's instructions, he would not be worshipping God. Moses could have chosen to worship God like he saw the Egyptians worship their gods, but this would not please God. He would not accept that kind of worship. Remember when Aaron tried to worship God like the Egyptians; what happened? (Golden Calf worship - Ex 32) Moses was to do everything just like God had told him when he was with Him on Mount Sinai (Heb 8:5). When he did, God was pleased and Moses truly worshipped God.

WE: We must obey God exactly as He tells us in order to worship Him.

God had a good reason for everything He told Moses to do. Moses may not have known why God wanted something done as He had said, but he did it exactly as God had told him and God was pleased.

WE: We please God when we obey Him.

The Tabernacle and its furniture and its sacrifices were illustrations (types) of Jesus Christ's work and of His nature. Anything that Moses might have changed would have marred that illustration (type) of Jesus Christ. It is good that Moses worshipped God exactly as God had told him.

WE: We, too, must worship God as He tells us; first, by being saved, and then, by living according to the Bible rules.

II. Exodus 40

Let us briefly look at the Tabernacle, its furniture and the sacrifices to see what they tell us about Jesus Christ.

A. Tabernacle was a temporary tent on earth among the people – Christ came to earth for a short time as a man to dwell among us.

B. Ark and the mercy seat was the place where God would dwell; He would show mercy and forgive the sins of those that brought the proper sacrifices – Jesus Christ was the perfect sacrifice, the Lamb of God. He made it possible for God to show mercy to all who trusted in His sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins.

C. Table for bread – Christ feeds us with spiritual bread that gives us spiritual strength.

D. Lampstand for light – Christ is the light of the world who gives life to those who receive Him as Savior.

E. Altar of incense that sends its fragrance upward – Christ intercedes for us so that our prayers are a fragrant aroma before God, making it a delight for Him to answer them.

F. Brazen altar where all sacrifices were made – Christ suffered and died for us on the cross.

G. Laver for the priests to wash themselves before ministering in the Tabernacle – Christ cleanses us spiritually through His Word.

H. Gate to the court of the Tabernacle – Christ is the door, the way to eternal life.

WE: We should seek to understand what Jesus has done for us and love Him for being such a great Savior.

III. Leviticus 1 – 7

Now we will look at the offerings (five kinds) that were made in the Tabernacle. These offerings picture Jesus' life and work for us.

A. Sweet offerings – Christ giving Himself to His Father.

B. Burnt offerings – Christ doing the will of His Father.

C. Meal (meat) offerings – Christ living a perfect life before His Father.

- D. **Peace offerings** – Christ in fellowship with His Father.
- E. **Non-sweet offerings** – Christ giving His life for our sins on the cross as a . . .
 - 1. **Sin offering** - Christ died to pay the penalty of everyone's sins.
 - 2. **Trespass offering** – Christ died to pay the debt of everyone's sins.

WE: We need to thank Jesus for offering His life to die in our place. He did everything right to please His Father. The best person cannot say that, because we are all sinners. Therefore, it was important that Jesus did it for us, so we could go to Heaven.

BE (for Action): Have you worshipped God as He has told you in the Bible? First, you must receive Jesus Christ and be born again to be a child in God's family. You cannot worship God without asking Jesus Christ to be your Savior. Second, you must know God's Word and obey it. You cannot worship God if you have sinned against Him. One of the reasons for having Sunday School and church is to teach you how God wants you to live. Then you can worship God by obeying what you learned from the Bible in Sunday School and church.

Have the children bow their heads and ask those who want to receive Jesus Christ as their Savior to raise their hands. Then ask those who want to confess some sins to God to raise their hands. Tell the children that raised their hands that you would like to talk with them after class. Tell them that you love them and want to help them so they can truly love God and worship Him.