

EXODUS 35-40

WEEK IN REVIEW + FAMILY GUIDE

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As we finish the book of Exodus, we see the Tabernacle being built through specific instructions given by God. The tabernacle was a tent where God's presence would dwell with His people as they journeyed toward the Promised Land. Each piece of the tabernacle is significant pointing to a need, a temporary provision, and a greater fulfillment to the coming Messiah. This was all a part of God's plan to restore His presence with mankind, and the first time He would dwell with His people since the Garden. When it came to building the tabernacle, everyone who was willing was to bring whatever they had to contribute. Whether it was spices, gold, jewelry, string, etc., they were to offer it generously. It tells us that "the people [were] bringing more than enough for doing the work the Lord commanded to be done" (Exodus 36:5). This showed generosity which is giving more than you are comfortable giving. This is a beautiful picture of God's people working together, generously contributing their time, talents, and treasures, all for the glory of God!

In Exodus 39, we see the making of the priestly garments that were detailed previously in Exodus. Before the priests could approach their holy God, they would need to wear special clothing that symbolically covers their uncleanness. "Clean" and "unclean" referred to ritual states, not physical cleanliness. There was the ephod, a breast piece, a robe, and other accessories. These garments would set the priests apart and held significance to the work they would do. The craftsman making the clothing followed the Lord's instructions precisely. God is in all the details! Almost one year after the Israelites left Egypt, the tabernacle (the tent of meeting) was completed. "Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle." Moses, nor anyone else, was able to enter into the tabernacle. There was a cloud that covered the tent during the day, and a fire that covered the tent by night, that was visible to all of Israel as they headed towards Canaan.

The book of Exodus is essential to understanding God's big rescue plan throughout the rest of Scripture. We saw a miraculous redemption by God and miraculous revelation of God. He revealed Himself to His people through His words and His works declaring to be the great "I AM." It ultimately points to a greater redemption of God's people through Jesus! Jesus is the superior Moses, the I AM, the Passover Lamb, the fulfillment of the Law, the true tabernacle, the great High Priest, and the ultimate deliverer from the slavery of sin. As the story of Scripture continues, we see a holy God still at work in a sinful people, and making a way for redemption through Jesus!

FAMILY GUIDE

BIG IDEA:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● God wants to restore His presence with His people!
KEY STORIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Everyone contributes● More than enough● Clothes for priests● Glory of God fills Tabernacle
KEY VERSES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Exodus 36:5<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ “The people bring much more than enough for doing the work that the Lord has commanded us to do.”● Exodus 40: 34-35<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.
PEOPLE/ WORDS TO KNOW:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Tabernacle<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ A tent where God’s presence would dwell● Generosity<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Giving more than you are comfortable giving● Glory<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The revealed goodness of God

Reflection Questions

1.	What was the tabernacle?
2.	How did the people help with the tabernacle?
3.	What was the visible sign of God’s presence in the tent during the day and night?
4.	Where do you see Jesus in the book of Exodus?