

MAKE A MODEL OF THE ARK WITH A BOX

Materials:

small box
2 wooden doll bases about 7/8" x 2" (available from craft supply stores)
2 FLAT STONES THAT CAN FIT INTO BOX
piece of paper with short form of Ten Commandments (see below)
gold paint (to sponge onto inside and outside of box and onto cherubim)
gold foil paper or cardstock for making wings for cherubim
pipe-cleaners for arms for cherubim



Procedure:

1. The box will become the Ark and the mercy seat on top. Sponge with gold paint, inside and out. Let dry. (Or cover with gold foil.)
2. Make 2 cherubim to set on top. Sponge 2 wooden doll bases with gold paint. When dry, attach a small piece of pipe cleaner to make arms. Then attach wings.
(NOTE: In the example shown above, the wings have a heart shape, but you could experiment with having the wings of the cherubim touch.)
3. When the box is dry, lay the 2 stones inside.
(NOTE: If you do not have stones, make 2 "stone" tablets out of salt ceramic or a modeling compound.)
4. Lay the printed Ten Commandments over the stones, curving it around the stones to fit inside the box.



Using the Ark with Cherubim:

- ◆ Talk with your children about the use of gold in making the Ark (and many other parts of the Tabernacle). Gold is a very precious metal symbolizing love to the Lord.
- ◆ It is important to have the cherubim facing each other, for this position symbolizes looking to the Lord and to what is good at all times.
- ◆ Flat stones, such as those pictured above, are sometimes called "listening stones" because they are shaped somewhat like ears. The high priest went into the holy of holies in absolute silence (except for the bells at the hem of his garments). Hold the listening stones in your hands and read (or listen) to what the Lord says in His Word.

Abbreviated Version of Ten Commandments to put into the Ark with the Stones:

The Ten Commandments

You shall have no other Gods before Me.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.