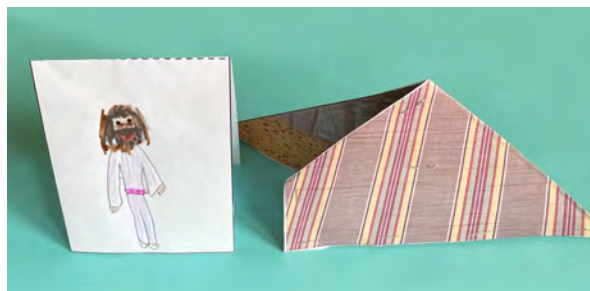


## Ages 7-10: Hidden in the Tent

Materials Needed  
copies of *Tent Directions*,  
*The Lord, Achan's Tent Outside*, and *Achan's Tent Inside* for each child; stapler;  
scissors; tape  
*optional*: colored pencils,  
markers or crayons

Prepare in Advance  
Print pages and gather supplies. Make a sample of the tent to be sure you know how the project works. Cut apart the *Lord Figure Template* page. Depending on your class time, you may wish to cut off the edges of the two tent pages before class using a paper cutter or scissors.

Children will create a folding tent to show how Achan hid the treasure he had stolen. They will draw a picture of the Lord to place near the tent to show that He sees everything—including what we do in secret!



1. Achan broke the Lord's commandment and stole some treasures from the battle of Jericho for himself. He hid them away secretly in his tent, but, of course, the Lord knew what he had done. We're going to make a folding tent that shows where Achan hid the treasures and how they were discovered.
2. Give each student a copy both Achan's tent pages—inside and outside. Hand out scissors and tape and copies of the *Tent Directions*. Help students to follow the directions and put together their tents.
3. Once the tents are made, give each student a copy of the Lord Figure Template to cut out and fold on the dotted line.
4. *Optional*: Students can draw their own picture of the Lord on the blank side of the folded paper.
5. Set up the tent as shown in the picture above with the Lord standing near by. You are now ready to act out the story using your tent.
6. After Achan confessed to Joshua about what he had done, Joshua sent men to his tent to find the stolen treasures. We can imagine that first they went into the tent. Open the first outer tent flap—are the treasures found? No—why? (Because Achan had buried the treasure in the earth under his tent.)
7. Open the second flap to “unbury” the treasure!
8. Just like with Achan, the Lord knows when we do something wrong, even if no one else ever finds out. But He will always forgive us if we are sorry for what we have done and turn back to following His commandments.

### New Church Concept Teacher Background

“People interpret stealing to mean thieving, defrauding, and under some pretext robbing the neighbor.... Spiritual angels interpret stealing to mean using falsities and evils to deprive others of the truths of their faith and goods of charity. And celestial angels interpret stealing to mean the attributing to themselves what is the Lord's and claiming for themselves His righteousness and merit.”  
*Doctrine of the Sacred Scripture 67.2*

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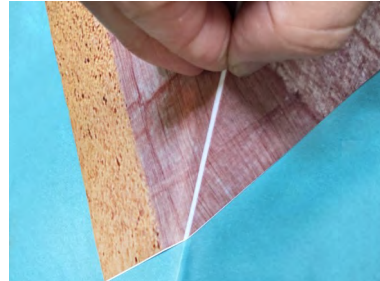
“Angels do indeed possess supreme wisdom and intelligence, yet all their wisdom and intelligence comes to them from the Lord's Divine.... The fact that angels have no wisdom or intelligence at all originating in themselves they themselves openly confess. Indeed they are also quite angry if anyone attributes to them any wisdom or intelligence at all, for they know and perceive that it would be taking away from the Divine that which is His and it would be claiming for themselves that which is not theirs, and so would be engaging in the crime of spiritual theft.” *Arcana Coelestia 4295.2*

## Tent Directions

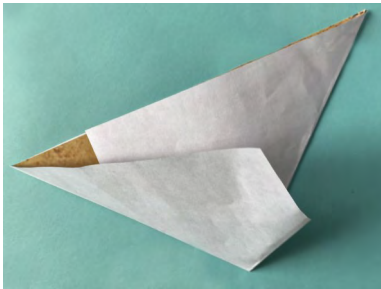
1. Cut the white edges off both tent pages.



2. Fold both pages along the diagonal lines, using the edge of a table to help make the fold straight.



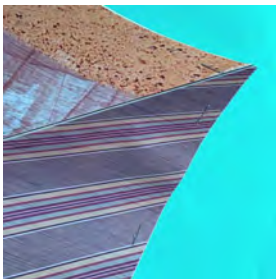
3. Fold the page showing the inside of the tent (with stolen treasures) on the same lines back the other way.



4. Place the white sides of the pages together so both pictures show. Match the large, central triangles so they are back-to-back. All the fold lines should match up.



5. With both pages laid out flat (unfolded), staple the two pages together along the edges. Don't staple across any of the fold lines!



6. Cutting through both pages, cut along the bold white line only, stopping at the middle of the tent.



7. Fold the small cut flap down and tape it to the inside of the tent.



8. Fold the left flap in, and then the right flap so that the striped tent is on top. You are now ready to use your tent to show how Achan hid the stolen treasures.

