

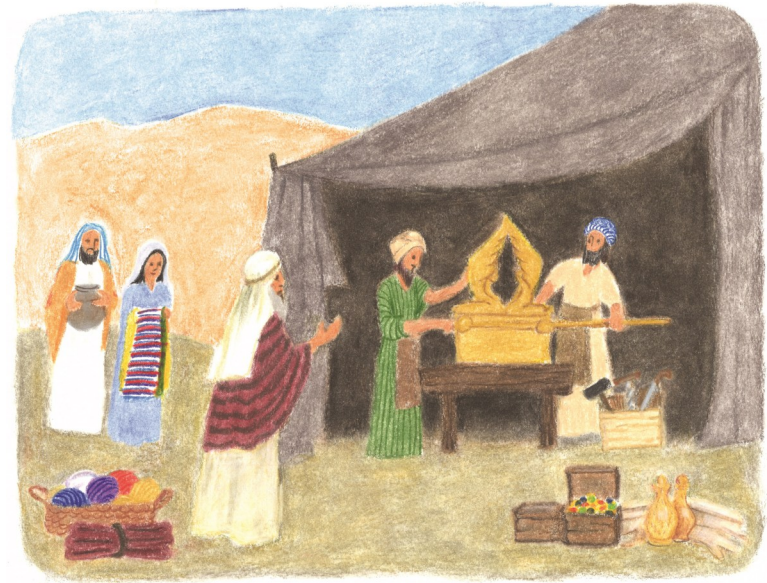
# 32. Building a Tabernacle

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- a. Now notice how things change. They had used the gold to build a golden calf—a bad thing. They were punished.
- b. Then the Lord said they could give special things to build a place to worship Him, and they didn't have to do it, but they did it willingly. This is a good lesson about how people sometimes do something wrong, and later are sorry and do the opposite.
- c. See if they can remember all the special things that were needed and make sure they have an idea of what these things are.
- d. The most important thing is that the Tabernacle would not be special without the Ten Commandments in the Ark. (You might say that later the Ark did several miracles for them, if they obeyed the Lord, and did not do a miracle for them if they didn't. A miracle was the walls of Jericho falling down when the ark was carried round Jericho. But no miracle when they were doing bad things, and took the ark into battle—they lost the battle and the ark.)



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## The Lord Commands the People to Build a Tabernacle

When Moses went up the mountain, he was in the mountain for forty days and forty nights. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, and let them give to Me an offering from every man whose heart is willing. And this is the offering which you shall take from among them:

Gold, and silver, and bronze;  
Blue, and crimson, and scarlet fabric twice dyed, and fine linen, and goat’s wool;  
Skins of red rams, and badgers;  
Shittim wood;  
Oil for the light;  
Spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense;  
Onyx stones, and other precious stones.

“And let the people make a sanctuary that I may live with them. And I will show you the shape of the Tabernacle, and the shape of all its furniture so that you may make them. The people shall make an ark of shittim wood and overlay it with pure gold inside and outside, with a rim of gold around it, and four rings of gold on the corners. And you shall make poles of shittim wood and cover them with gold to put into the rings of the ark to carry the ark.

“You shall put into the ark the stone tablets with the Ten Commandments which I shall give you. And you shall make two cherubim. And there I will meet with you and I will speak with you from between the two cherubim which are over the ark of the testimony.”

Exodus 25

