

# GIFTS FOR THE TABERNACLE

## *A Summary of Exodus 25-29*

The Tabernacle symbolized the dwelling place of God in the midst of His people. The Tabernacle was a temporary place where God met with His chosen people. It was simply a tent of meeting. It was for use in the wilderness wandering of His people. The thing of importance is that it was God's dwelling place. The Tabernacle was the way in which a sinner might approach a holy God. It reminded men that sin separated him from God. The Tabernacle moved about the wilderness with the people. This Tabernacle in the wilderness was a copy of the real one in heaven. Seven times we are told that Moses was commanded to make the Sanctuary after the pattern of it which was shown him on the Mountain (Ex. 25:9, 40; 26:30; 27:8; Num. 8:4; Acts 7:44; Heb. 8:5). The Tabernacle was the place where sacrifice was made.

The first item God told Moses to build was the ark, later called the Ark of the Covenant. This was the most important single item associated with the tabernacle, modeled after the throne of God in heaven. God instructed Moses to put the Testimony - that is, a copy of the law - into the Ark of the Covenant. The mercy seat - actually, the lid to the Ark - was to be made of pure gold, and made with the sculpted figures of cherubim. Later, God would instruct Israel to put other things in the Ark as well - the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant (Hebrews 9:4).

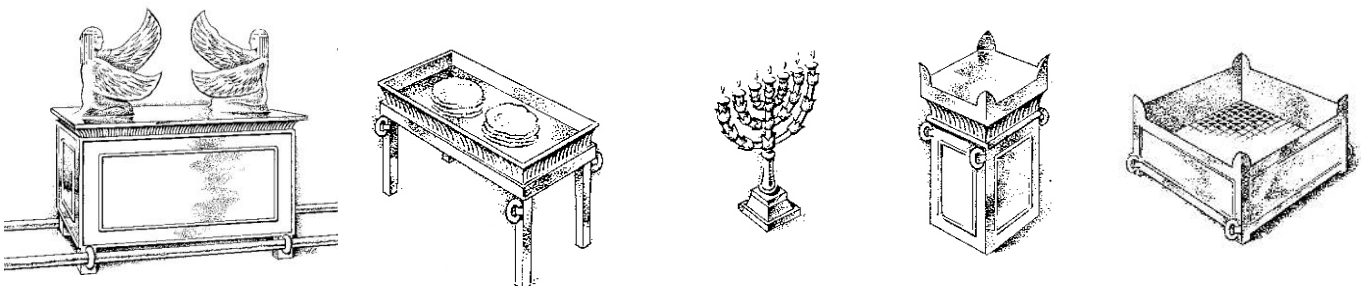
A table was to be made of acacia wood, overlaid with gold; 3 feet long, 1 foot, 6 inches wide, and 2 feet, 3 inches high. On the table was showbread associated with, and to be eaten before, the face of God. According to Leviticus 24:5-9, showbread was made of fine flour, and twelve cakes of showbread - one for each tribe of Israel - set on the table, sprinkled lightly with frankincense. Once a week, the bread was replaced and only priests could eat the old bread.

A lampstand was hammered out of pure gold, with no specific dimensions given, but after the pattern of a modern-day menorah. It had one middle shaft with three branches coming out of each side, for a total of seven places for lamps. The seven lamps represent the presence of the Holy Spirit in heaven. Since the tabernacle itself was a completely covered tent, the only source of light was the lamps of the lampstand.

The golden altar of incense sat in front of the curtain that separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies. It was a square with each side measuring 1.5 feet and was 3 feet high. It was made of acacia wood and overlaid with pure gold. God commanded the priests to burn incense on the golden altar every morning and evening, the same time that the daily burnt offerings were made. The incense was to be left burning continually throughout the day and night as a pleasing aroma to the Lord.

A bronze altar was made for burnt offering. This was the altar on which the sacrifices were made which this was where the blood was shed and the sinner was pardoned. No matter how good a person was, without the shedding of blood there was no forgiveness.

You are the Temple of God! "Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are" (1 Corinthians 3:16-17). From the moment you put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior He came by His Holy Spirit to dwell in your heart.



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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What was the tabernacle a symbol of?
5		2.) What were some items that were placed in the Ark of the Covenant?
5		3.) What was the purpose of the golden altar of incense?
5		4.) Why do you think you are compared a temple?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___



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*The Lord told Moses what the tabernacle should look like*

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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Students will make heart necklaces to remind them that God wanted the Israelites to give from their hearts when bringing offerings for the tabernacle.

### MATERIALS

1. 67 Lb. White Cardstock
2. Heart Necklace Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
5. Yarn (2 feet lengths)
6. Hole Punch



### DIRECTIONS

1. Make copies of the “Heart Necklace Pattern” for each student onto 67 lb cardstock.
2. Have students color the hearts with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Instruct students to cut out the hearts and rectangles on the solid black lines.
4. Set the heart with the memory verse on top of the blank heart. Punch holes through the black dots (punching through both hearts at the same time). Help younger students by punching the holes for them.
5. Allow students to “sew” the two hearts together leaving extra yarn on either side to tie together to make the necklace.
6. On each of the rectangles, have students write one thing that they can give from their own hearts. (i.e. Love, Friendship, Time with God, etc.)
7. Place the four rectangles into the heart.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are coloring and cutting out their hearts, remind them that giving to others and to God should come from the heart. God does not want us to give to him with hesitation or because we feel we have to (2 Corinthians 9:7). With Christ as our Savior, we should *want* to give to God and to others.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 20 minutes

### MEMORY VERSE

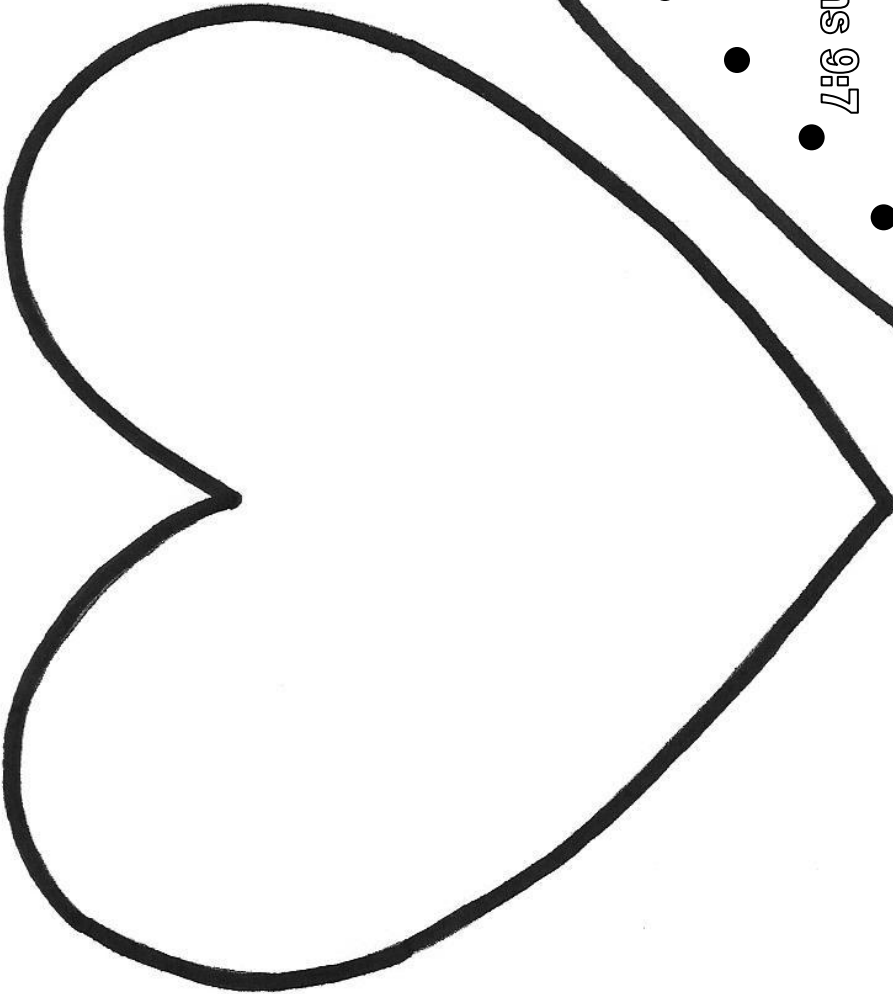
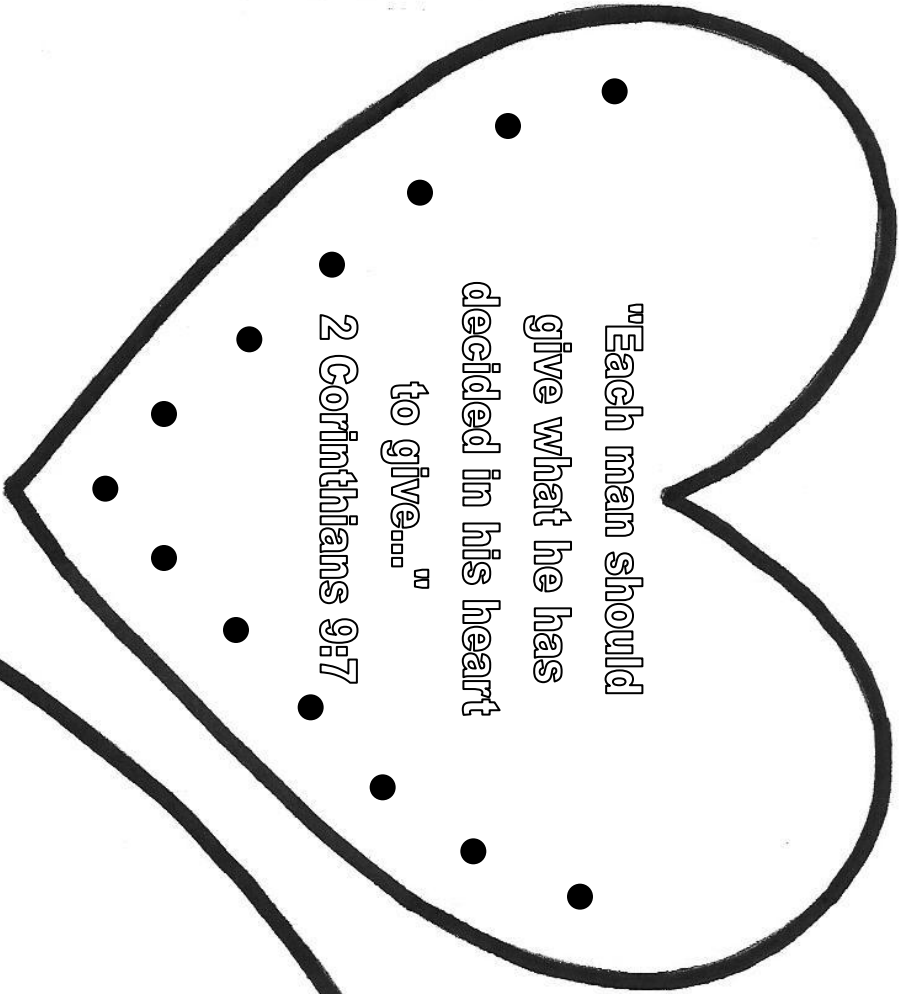
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## HEART NECKLACE PATTERN





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The Lord told Moses to have the people bring an offering for the tabernacle. The tabernacle was a place for God's people to gather and

worship him in. The tabernacle was portable. This means the people could move it from place to place.

Some of the things that were made for the tabernacle included the ark of the covenant, a bronze altar, a table, a lamp stand, and an incense altar. All of these things were made especially for the temple. The Lord told how he wanted each thing made.

The Lord also told how he wanted his tabernacle to be made. The walls were made of curtains. There were places for ordinary people to enter and special places that were only for the priests.

For more details, please read Exodus 25-29 in your Bible.

## QUESTIONS

1. What did the Lord want people to bring for the tabernacle?
2. Name three things that were made for the tabernacle.
3. What were the walls of the tabernacle made of?
4. Why do you think the tabernacle could be moved around?

## MEMORY VERSE

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

## TRUE OR FALSE?

- T   F   The tabernacle was a place to worship God in.
- T   F   The people brought offerings for the temple.
- T   F   The walls of the tabernacle were made of wood.
- T   F   People could go anywhere in the tabernacle.
- T   F   The ark of the covenant was in the tabernacle.
- T   F   Moses obeyed the Lord.