

LESSON 5 FEAST OF TABERNACLES

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: We Can Worship and Celebrate God

SCRIPTURE: Leviticus 23

GOD'S BIG STORY: The Israelites celebrate God and worship Him by having a festival called the Feast of Tabernacles, which helps them remember how God rescued them from Egypt and provided for them in the desert.

Object Lesson: Make a Tent

Activity: Feast Time

Worship

God's Big Story

Prayer and Blessing

Activity: Under the Tent

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Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

Object Lesson: Make a Tent

SUPPLIES: chairs (at least 2), small bedsheet or parachute, magnetic tiles or blocks (optional), bandannas (several, optional)

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Welcome! Have any of you ever been camping in a tent? Allow kids to answer. **Today we're learning about a celebration God's people had where they built tents. Let's build a tent too.**

Set out at least two chairs and a small bedsheet or parachute. You could also use magnetic tiles or blocks and bandannas.

Have the toddlers help you build a tent using chairs and a small bedsheet or parachutes. Encourage them to go inside the tent and to pretend to camp. For a smaller version, they could use magnetic tiles or blocks and bandannas to make "tents."

Keep the tent up to use during God's Big Story.

Activity: Feast Time

SUPPLIES: tablecloth, toy dishes, toy food

Have you ever had a big dinner with lots of friends and family? Sometimes a big dinner is called a feast. Let's have a feast together.

Set out a tablecloth (on a table or the floor) along with toy dishes and toy food. Invite the kids to set the table and have a "feast" together. **What a wonderful feast! Every year God's people had a feast to celebrate the food He had given them.**

Our Wonder Truth today is WE CAN WORSHIP AND CELEBRATE GOD.

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

WE—Point to self.

CAN WORSHIP—Hold hands up in the air (praise hands).

AND CELEBRATE—Pump your arms up and down as if celebrating.

GOD—Point up.

Worship

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the [Worship with Wonder Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Today we'll learn about how God's people worshiped and celebrated God during a special festival. God is so good to us, and we can worship and celebrate Him too! Let's do that now by singing!

Play songs from the [Worship with Wonder Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible, toy fruit or vegetable

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: [God's Big Story Video](#)

Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about God's people, the Israelites. Encourage the kids to say, "Israelites." **Let's find out from the Bible what the Israelites did in the desert!**

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video, or read the story from the Bible, or use the script provided.

God took care of His people, the Israelites. He saved them from being slaves in Egypt. God took care of them in the wilderness and gave the people food and water. Hold up the toy fruit or vegetable. **One of the things God wanted the Israelites to do was to have festivals, or parties, to celebrate Him!** Invite kids to clap and wave their hands.

These festivals helped God's people remember everything God did for them. The festivals also helped them worship and put God first.

One of the festivals was called the Feast of Tabernacles. This feast happened right after the Israelites gathered the food that grew in the land. It was a time to worship God and celebrate how much He gives. All good things come from God! Invite kids to clap and wave their hands.

The first day of the festival was a day of rest. The people took branches from trees that had a lot of leaves on them. They used the branches to praise God for seven days. It was a big party! Invite kids to clap and wave their hands.

During the festival, the Israelites stayed in tents called tabernacles or booths. Point to the tent built with chairs and the bedsheet or parachute. **God told His people to live in the booths during the festival. This helped them remember the way God's people lived after God saved them from Egypt. God gave them food in the wilderness. He gave them everything they needed.**

The festival lasted for eight days. The last day was one more day of rest before the festival ended. Invite the kids to pretend to sleep for a moment. **At the very end of the festival, the people gave food back to God. They had the festival every year to remember how God took care of them!** Invite kids to clap and wave their hands.

God wanted the people to have festivals to celebrate and love Him. He wanted them to remember how good He is and how much He loves them. God still loves us and helps us. He gives us good gifts. We have a lot to celebrate because God is so good to us. We can worship and celebrate God! Invite kids to clap and wave their hands.

Prayer and Blessing

Let's talk to God. God, thank You for how wonderful You are! You are so good to us. Thank You for the many blessings You have given us. Today we worship and celebrate You! We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: The Lord is faithful. May you always take time to remember His blessings and praise Him for all He has done. May you worship God and celebrate His goodness all the days of your life!

Activity: Under the Tent

SUPPLIES: parachute or bedsheet

Invite other leaders to help hold the sides of the parachute or bedsheet. **In today's story, God's people made tents to stay in during a celebration so they could worship and celebrate God. Let's pretend we're in a tent like the Israelites were during the Feast of Tabernacles. We'll raise the "tent," and you will all run under it and say, "We love You, God!"** Practice a few times. You may want the kids to run under the parachute or bedsheet one at a time.