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## STUDENT DEVOTIONAL UNIT 5

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# UNIT 5: GOD INSTRUCTS HIS PEOPLE

## Session 1: The Ten Commandments Exodus 19–20



Sunday, January 5

Why do we need  
to be saved?

People are sinful and cannot  
save themselves.

### **Memory Verse: 1 Samuel 2:2**

“There is no one holy like the Lord. There is no one besides you!  
And there is no rock like our God.”

Monday,  
January 6

## SESSION 1



### Before you read...

- ▶ God called Moses to lead His people out of Egypt. God showed His great power by sending the ten plagues, parting the Red Sea, and providing food and water for Israel. Even when the people complained and grumbled, God showed grace by giving them what they did not deserve and meeting their needs.
- ▶ This week, we will see how God led Israel to Mount Sinai where He would give them His commandments and remind them of His covenant.



### Read Exodus 19:1-6

- ▶ How long has it been since the Israelites left Egypt?

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- ▶ What does God want His people to do in verse 5?

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- ▶ If God's people followed His instructions, what would they become?

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### Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God wanted His people to obey Him fully and keep His covenant. Then they would become a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.
- ▶ Today, we are going to skip ahead a bit. God told Moses to take three days to prepare the people to hear from God. They had to wash their clothes and God told them not to get too close to the mountain. We will read what happened on the third day.



### Read Exodus 19:16-22

- ▶ What was over the mountain on the third day?

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- ▶ How did the people feel when they saw this on the mountain?

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- ▶ Who was allowed to come up on the mountain?

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Wednesday,  
January 8

## SESSION 1



### Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we will see how God led Israel to Mount Sinai where He would give them His commandments and remind them of His covenant.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Mount Sinai was covered with a thick cloud, smoke, thunder, lightning, and trumpet blasts. God only allowed Moses to come up onto the mountain to speak to Him. Today, we will begin reading what God said to Moses.



### Read Exodus 20:1-6

- ▶ What is the first commandment God gave?

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- ▶ What is the second commandment God gave?

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- ▶ What kind of God does God say He is in verse 5? What do you think that means?

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Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we will see how God led Israel to Mount Sinai where He would give them His commandments and remind them of His covenant.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read the beginning of the Ten Commandments. We read the first two; You shall have no other gods before the One True God and You shall not worship any idols.



Read Exodus 20:7-12

- ▶ What is the third commandment?

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- ▶ What is the fourth commandment?

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- ▶ What is the fifth commandment?

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Friday,  
January 10

## SESSION 1



### Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we will see how God led Israel to Mount Sinai where He would give them His commandments and remind them of His covenant.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read the third, fourth, and fifth commandments. God wants us to use His name nicely, keep one day set apart for God, and honor our parents.



### Read Exodus 20:13-17

- ▶ List commandments 6-10.

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- ▶ Which commandment do you think is the hardest to obey?

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- ▶ Why do you think God gave people these commandments?

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# The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words... Exodus 20:1

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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- 23-9-8-9-22 \_\_\_\_\_
- 24-4-20-23-18-22 \_\_\_\_\_
- 15-9-20-23-18-22 \_\_\_\_\_
- 15-6-22-10-18-22 \_\_\_\_\_
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# UNIT 5: GOD INSTRUCTS HIS PEOPLE

## Session 2: The Golden Calf Exodus 32; 34



Sunday, January 12

Why do we need  
to be saved?

People are sinful and cannot  
save themselves.

### **Memory Verse: 1 Samuel 2:2**

“There is no one holy like the Lord. There is no one besides you!  
And there is no rock like our God.”



## Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we learned that God set His people apart and called them to be a holy nation. He gave His people commandments because He loved them and wanted them to live in a way that honored Him.
- ▶ When we left off last week, Moses was up on the mountain speaking to God and receiving the commandments while the people were waiting at the bottom of the mountain. This week, we will learn what the Israelites did while they were waiting for Moses.



## Read Exodus 32:1-6

- ▶ What did the people ask Aaron to make them?

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- ▶ What did Aaron make?

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- ▶ What lie did Aaron and the people declare in verse 4?

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Tuesday,  
January 14

## SESSION 2



### Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading about what the people did while Moses was talking to God on the mountain receiving the Ten Commandments.
- ▶ Yesterday, we learned that the Israelites sinned by making and worshipping a golden calf.



### Read Exodus 32:7-10

- ▶ How does God describe the people in verse 9?

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- ▶ What does God want to do to the people?

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- ▶ What do you think made the people worship a golden calf?

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Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading about what the people did while Moses was talking to God on the mountain receiving the ten commandments.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God was very angry at His people for making and worshiping an idol. He wanted to destroy them!



Read Exodus 32:11-14

- ▶ Who did Moses ask the Lord to remember?

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- ▶ What did God promise those people?

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- ▶ Do you think the people deserved to be destroyed?  
Did the Lord destroy them?

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Thursday,  
January 16

## SESSION 2



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Moses interceded for the Israelites. This means he stepped in and asked God not to let His anger burn against them. Moses asked God to remember the promise He gave to Abraham to make his family greater than the number of stars in the sky. And God did not destroy the people, even though they were worshipping an idol.



Read Exodus 32:19-24

- ▶ What did Moses do with the calf the people had made?

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- ▶ What lie did Aaron tell to Moses?

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- ▶ How did Moses feel about the Israelites behavior?

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Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Moses was very angry with the Israelites. He burned the golden calf, ground it to powder, put it in the water and made the people drink it! Then Aaron lied to Moses and said the calf just appeared out of the fire!
- ▶ Even though Moses and God were very angry with the people, Moses stepped in and asked God to forgive the people.



Read Exodus 32:30-35

- ▶ What did Moses ask God to do?

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- ▶ How does God respond?

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- ▶ Even though we probably don't worship golden calves, we all sin against God. We have turned away from worshiping Him alone. Just like the Israelites, our sin deserves to be punished. But, who interceded for our sin? How can we have forgiveness and a right relationship with God?

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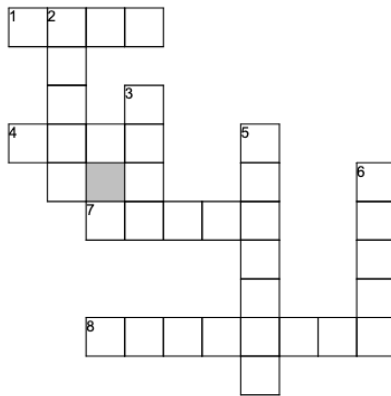
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## The Golden Calf

So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Exodus 32:3-4a (NIV)

Complete the activity below.



### HORIZONTAL

1. A young cow
4. A valuable yellowish colored metal that is used to make jewelry
7. A raised platform on which offerings to God are made
8. Ornaments, often made of gold, worn hanging from the ear

### VERTICAL

2. The brother of Moses
3. A statue that is worshipped as a god
5. To bow down in adoration
6. The prophet of God who led the Hebrew people out of Egypt

WORSHIP  
MOSES

EARRINGS  
ALTAR

AARON  
CALF

IDOL  
GOLD



# UNIT 5: GOD INSTRUCTS HIS PEOPLE

## Session 3: Building the Tabernacle Exodus 35-40



Sunday, January 19

Why do we need  
to be saved?

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save themselves.

### **Memory Verse: 1 Samuel 2:2**

"There is no one holy like the Lord. There is no one besides you!  
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Monday,  
January 20

## SESSION 3



### Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we saw how the Israelites sinned by making and worshiping a golden calf instead of worshiping the one, true God. When Moses prayed for the people, God was merciful toward His people and forgave them. This week, we will see that God loved His people so much that he wanted to dwell with them. God had always been with His people, leading them and guiding them. God led His people as they traveled in the wilderness. He led them by a cloud during the day and by a fire at night. But now, God needed a special place to dwell with His people. God gave instructions to Moses and invited the people to build a special tent called the tabernacle.



### Read Exodus 35:4-19

- ▶ This is a big, long list of things God needed for the tabernacle. First, list 5 things God needed people to **BRING** as an offering.

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- ▶ Next, list 5 things God needed the people to **MAKE** for the tabernacle.

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- ▶ Yesterday, we read a big, long list of things God needed people to bring as an offering and make for the tabernacle.



Read Exodus 35:30-36:1

- ▶ Who did God choose to lead the projects for the tabernacle?  
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- ▶ What skills did God give these men?  
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- ▶ Who is giving the instructions for how to build all of these things?  
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Wednesday,  
January 22

## SESSION 3



### Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God gave Bezalel and Oholiab special skills, abilities, and knowledge to build all of the things God commanded and to lead other people to do the work with them.
- ▶ The next several chapters describe in great detail all of the things that the people made for the tabernacle. We are going to read just a few of them.



### Read Exodus 36:8-13

- ▶ How many curtains did they make?

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- ▶ How many loops were on the curtains?

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- ▶ Draw a picture of what you think this looked like.



### Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we began reading some of the details of all of the things that the people made for the tabernacle. We are going to read about the ark today. No, not Noah's Ark. :)



### Read Exodus 37:1-9

- ▶ What kind of wood was the ark made of?

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- ▶ What was laid on top of the ark?

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- ▶ Draw a picture of what you think the ark looked like.

Friday,  
January 24

## SESSION 3



### Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read about the ark that went inside the tabernacle. God had the people make many, many more things. If you are interested in all of the things they made, read Exodus 37-40.
- ▶ Today, we are going to skip all the way to the end to see what happened when all of the parts of the tabernacle were complete.



### Read Exodus 40:34-38

- ▶ What covered the Tent of Meeting/tabernacle?

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- ▶ What filled the tabernacle?

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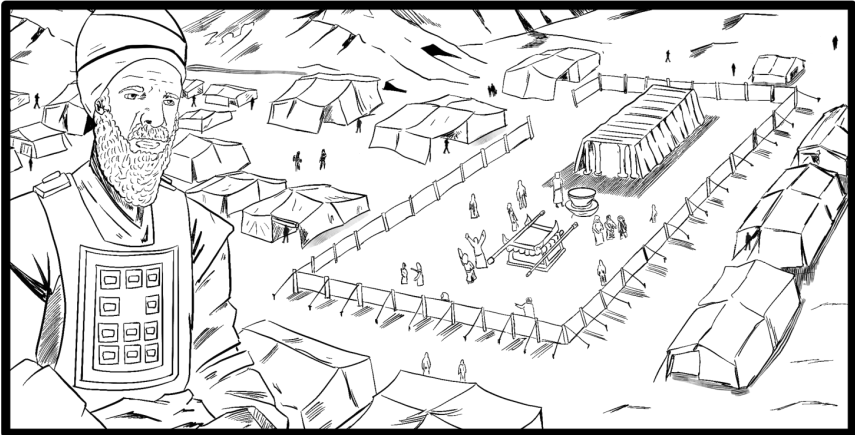
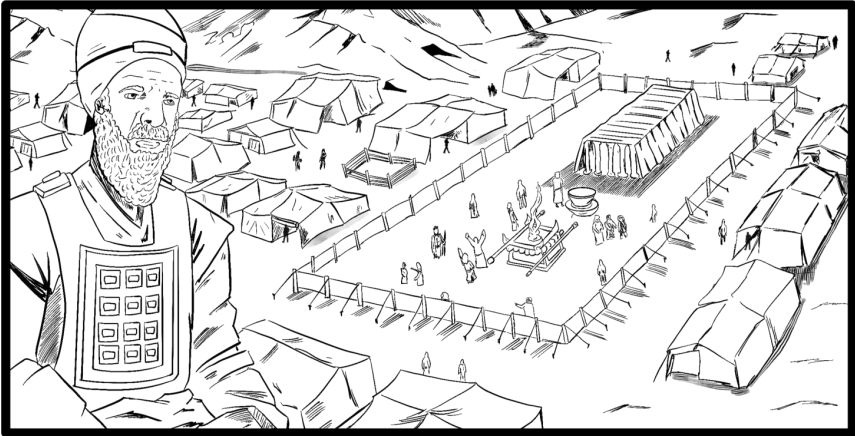
- ▶ When was another time the Israelites were led by a cloud and fire? (Look back in your last devo book!)

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# UNIT 5: GOD INSTRUCTS HIS PEOPLE

## Session 4: Worship at the Tabernacle Leviticus 16; 19; 26



Sunday, January 26

Why do we need  
to be saved?

People are sinful and  
cannot save themselves.

### **Memory Verse: 1 Samuel 2:2**

"There is no one holy like the Lord. There is no one besides you!  
And there is no rock like our God."





Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we read about when God’s people built the tabernacle, a special tent where God could dwell with His people. The tabernacle was also a place where God’s people worshiped Him. The priests made sacrifices for the sins of the people in the tabernacle.
- ▶ God commanded the Israelites to be holy and worship Him alone. God takes sin seriously, and to be right with God, our sin must be forgiven. This week, we will read about how God gave the high priest very specific instructions about how to offer sacrifices for the sins of the people.



Read Leviticus 16:1-10

- ▶ Could Aaron go into the ‘Most Holy Place’ anytime he wanted to?

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- ▶ What did Aaron have to put on to go into the ‘Most Holy Place?’

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- ▶ What did Aaron have to take into the ‘Most Holy Place?’

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Tuesday,  
January 28

## SESSION 4



### Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading God's instructions about how to offer sacrifices for the sins of the people. God commanded the Israelites to be holy and worship Him alone. God takes sin seriously, and to be right with God, our sin must be forgiven.
- ▶ Just so you know, the rest of the chapter talks a lot about sacrifices, killing animals, blood and things we just don't do anymore. Even though it is hard to read, it is so important to know the instructions God gave the Israelites in the Old Testament. It all points to why we need Jesus and why He was the perfect sacrifice for us once and for all!



### Read Leviticus 16:11-14

- ▶ Who is the bull a sacrifice offering for?

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- ▶ Besides the bull, what else does Aaron the priest have to take in with him?

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- ▶ Would you have wanted to do Aaron's job? Why or why not?

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Before you read...

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- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Aaron had to sacrifice the bull for his own sin offering and for his household. He took incense and burning coals along with the bull into the 'Most Holy Place.' A curtain separated the rest of the tabernacle from the 'Most Holy Place.'



Read Leviticus 16:15-22

- ▶ Who is the goat a sin offering for?  
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- ▶ Can anyone else be in the Tent of Meeting (or tabernacle) with Aaron when he is making the sacrifices?  
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- ▶ What is Aaron supposed to confess over the goat? (verse 21)  
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Thursday,  
January 30

## SESSION 4



### Before you read...

- ▶ Just so you know, the rest of the chapter talks a lot about sacrifices, killing animals, blood and things we just don't do anymore. Even though it is hard to read, it is so important to know the instructions God gave the Israelites in the Old Testament. It all points to why we need Jesus and why He was the perfect sacrifice for us once and for all!
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Aaron had to sacrifice one goat for the sins of the people. Then, Aaron would lay his hands on the other goat and confess all of the wickedness and rebellion and sin of the Israelites on the goat's head.



### Read Leviticus 16:23-28

- ▶ What is the first thing Aaron has to do when he leaves the 'Most Holy Place?'  

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- ▶ What does the man have to do after he releases the goat?  

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- ▶ Do you think it was easy or difficult for the priest to follow God's instructions?  

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### Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Aaron had to take off his special clothes and bathe right after he left the 'Most Holy Place.' The man who released the goat also had to change clothes and bathe. God took sin seriously!!



### Read Leviticus 16:29-34

- ▶ When were these special sacrifices to be made?

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- ▶ How often were these sacrifices to be made?

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- ▶ We all disobey God's commands and sin. We cannot save ourselves and need to be forgiven of our sins to be made right with God. God instructed the Israelites to sacrifice animals to demonstrate the forgiveness and removal of sin. Because people continued to sin, the priest would offer sacrifices regularly for his sins and the sins of the people. We no longer need a priest to sacrifice animals for our sin. God provided a better way for our sins to be forgiven through His Son, Jesus. Those who trust Jesus, the perfect and final sacrifice for sin, receive forgiveness and are made forever clean. Trusting in Jesus gives people new, clean hearts that desire to worship God and live for Him. Write a prayer to Jesus thanking Him for His sacrifice.

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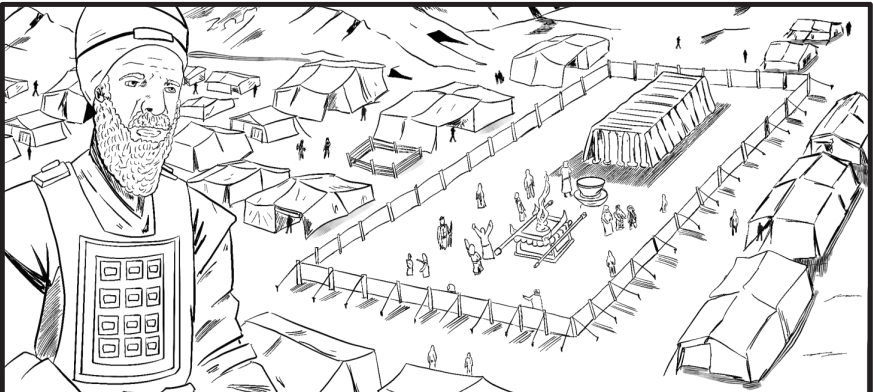
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# TRUE OR FALSE

	TRUE	FALSE
The Tabernacle was a permanent structure built by the Israelites. (Exodus 26:1-37)		
The Ark of the Covenant was placed inside the Holy of Holies. (Exodus 26:33-34)		
Acacia wood, gold, and bronze were all used to build the Tabernacle. (Exodus 25:1-9)		
The main purpose of the Tabernacle was to provide shelter. (Exodus 29:42-46)		
The Israelites carried the Tabernacle as they journeyed to the Promised Land. (Numbers 10:11-28)		
The Israelites were allowed to enter the Holy of Holies anytime they wanted. (Leviticus 16:2)		
The Tabernacle was built by skilled craftsmen. (Exodus 31:1-11)		
Moses had a hard time encouraging people to give to build the Tabernacle. (Exodus 36:2-7)		
The sacrificial system of the Tabernacle is still required to forgive sin. (Hebrews 10:11-14)		





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