

Terumah “Offering”

Shemot/Exodus 25:1 – 27:19

“The Mishkan”

Objective:

- The children understand that the LORD gave Moses instructions on how to build the Mishkan
- The children understand that the people gave donations of gold, silver, bronze, wood, jewels, special fabrics and wood to build the Mishkan
- The children understand that there was only one gate in the Mishkan, so Yeshua is the only way to heaven.

Welcome/Opening Slide

- Welcome the children & organize as required
- Opening Prayer

Please Remember These Rules

Say: Here are the rules:

- Please don't talk when others are talking
- Please raise your hand if you would like to ask a question
- Please keep your hands, feet and other body parts to yourself
- You must ask to leave the room

Title Slide

Note: If possible, hold your Bible open throughout the story.

Note: Have Lego toys available.

Question: How many of you enjoy building things using these items? (Wait for or encourage a response)

Say: You can make a lot of cool things with these toys.

Question: Can you share what type of things can be made from these toys? (Wait for or encourage a response)

Question: If you want to make a house or an airplane what could help you make those items with these toys? (Wait for or encourage a response)

Say: You can use your imagination and maybe make something really interesting. But a set of instructions will help you make really good toys!

Say: In this week's lesson the LORD gives Moses instruction on building his special building called the Mishkan.

Question: Can you say Mishkan with me? (Repeat the word several times until the children learn to say the word)

The Materials Needed

Say: God tells Moses the things that are needed to build the Mishkan. The material needs are gold, silver, bronze and wood. Also, they need special fabric, material and jewels to make the Mishkan.

Say: God tells Moses that the people are to give him the special items to build the Mishkan.

Say: The LORD also told Moses that he would need to assemble or put the Mishkan together.

Say: Let's learn about the furniture and building that makes the Mishkan.

Ark of the Covenant

Say: The Ark of the Covenant was a wooden box that was covered in gold.

Say: The top of the Ark was made from solid gold and called the "Mercy Seat".

Say: It also had two cherub or angels on it.

Menorah

Say: Next was the Menorah.

Say: It was a 7 branch lamp stand that was made of solid gold.

Say: It gave light to the priests who were ministering or working in the Mishkan.

The Altar of Incense

Say: This was a “mini” altar made of wood and had gold covering it.

Say: It was the place where the priests would burn incense daily in the Mishkan.

Table of Showbread

Say: It, like the Incense Altar, was made of wood, with gold on top of it.

Say: It was a table where special bread was placed each day in the Mishkan.

Say: The bread was called the “Bread of the Presences”

The Mishkan

Say: The Mishkan is also called the “Dwelling Place” or “Tabernacle”.

Say: The Mishkan was a tent with walls.

Say: It was something that could be taken apart and put back together.

Say: The walls were made of planks of wood that were covered in gold.

Say: Each wall was connected to the other walls by pegs on the inside and long poles on the outside.

Say: Each wall had slots on the top and bottom.

Say: These slots would hold heavy silver bands that held each wall together to make it a solid thing.

Say: There were three walls of the Mishkan.

Say: After the walls were put together they were covered with very beautiful material.

Say: There was a thick curtain that covered the entrance.

Say: Another thick curtain called “The Veil” was hung on the inside of the Mishkan to make two rooms.

The Furniture's Location

Say: The Mishkan had only two rooms.

Say: A very thick curtain separated the two rooms

Say: They are called the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies.

Say: The Ark was placed in the Holy of Holies

Say: The Menorah, Altar of Incense and Table of Showbread were in the Holy Place

Say: Outside the Mishkan was two other pieces of furniture.

The Altar of Sacrifice

Say: The Altar of Sacrifice was a larger version of the Altar of Incense. It was made of wood and covered with bronze.

Say: The Altar also had a ramp that the priests could use to walk up to the top of the altar to offer the sacrifices to the LORD.

Laver

Say: The last item of the Mishkan is the Laver.

Say: It was a very large bowl made of bronze.

Say: The Laver was used to hold water that the priests used to wash their hands before offering sacrifices.

The Courtyard

Say: There was a huge outer wall that surrounded the Mishkan.

Say: It was made of white linen curtains that hung between large poles

Say: The courtyard was to keep people out of the Mishkan area.

Say: The only way into the Mishkan was one large and very colorful gate.

Say: The average person could only go into the courtyard but no further. They could not go into the Mishkan tent into the Holy Place or Holy of Holies.

Say: Only the priests could go into the Holy Place

Say: Only the High Priest could go into the Holy of Holies, where the Ark was located, and only on Yom Kippur or the Day of Atonement.

Why the Mishkan?

Say: Why do you think the LORD wanted the Mishkan? (Wait for or encourage a response)

Say: The Mishkan was a meeting place for God and the people.

Say: It is like a living room where people can meet, eat and talk about things.

Say: God wanted to use the Mishkan to remind the people that he is always with them.

Say: God dwelt with the Jewish people in the Mishkan.

Only One Way

Say: If the people wanted to meet God at the Mishkan, they had to go through the gate.

Question: Does anyone remember how many gates are in the Mishkan? (Wait for or encourage a response)

Say: There was only one gate, so there was only one way into the Mishkan.

Say: This reminds me of Yeshua.

Yeshua and the Mishkan

Say: Yeshua said that He was the “Gate” to the Heavenly Father.

Question: Why do you think Yeshua called himself “The Gate?”

Say: A gate is a way to go from one area to another.

Say: If you have a gate to get to your back yard, you must open the gate and walk through to get to the other side.

Say: Yeshua was teaching us that in order to be with the Heavenly Father, he was the only way to do it.

Say: Yeshua also said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father but by me."

Say: That means that Yeshua is the only way to heaven to see the Heavenly Father.

Question: If Yeshua said, "I am a Way, a Truth and a Life", would that mean the same thing?
(Wait for or encourage a response)

Say: No!

Say: That would mean that Yeshua might be one of many ways to the Heavenly Father.

Question: Is that true?

Say: No!

Say: Yeshua is the only way to heaven. Just like there is only one gate to get into the Mishkan, where God dwelt. So Yeshua is the only way, like a gate, to heaven.

Say: If you have not asked Yeshua to live in your heart and forgive your sins, please see one of the grown-ups to talk about this with you.

Note: There is a good video on You Tube from G-dcast.com called "Terumah (2011) "How to build a Tabernacle"". This can be a good review.

Here is the link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-7NV_pjxNeU

You can download the video and use it as additional material if you want. I did not include it due to the large size and difficulty of emailing.

Let's Learn Hebrew!

Say: Our Hebrew word this week is one you have heard several times today. That is the word "Mishkan". In English it is sometimes translated as "Tabernacle"

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Note: Have the children practice the phrase a few times together with you.

What Did We Learn Today?

- The LORD gave Moses instructions on how to build the Mishkan
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- Just like there was only one gate in the Mishkan, so Yeshua is the only way to heaven.

Small Group Time

Break the children into two groups:

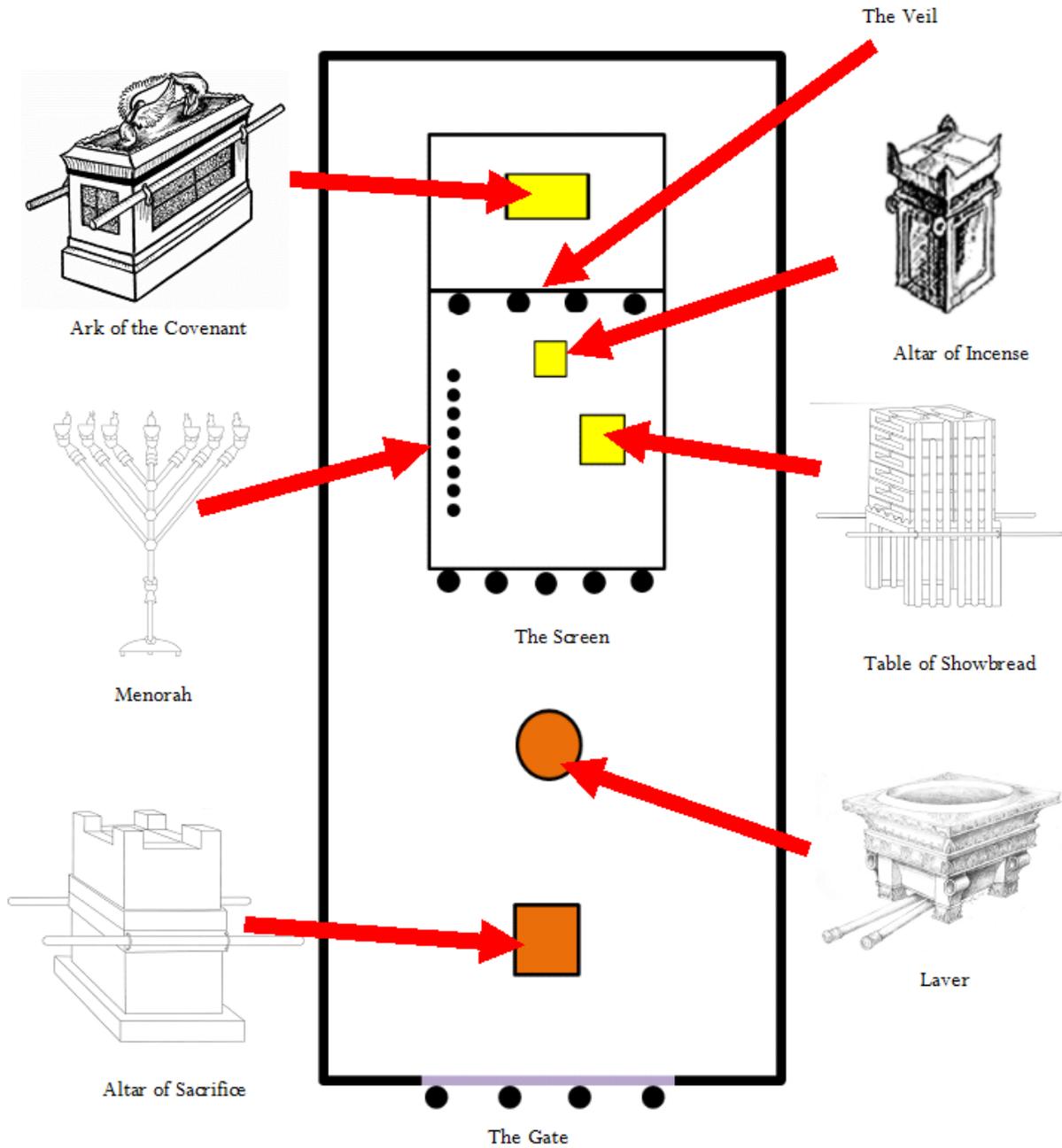
- Primary – Ages 4-7
- Elementary Ages 8-12

Distribute the self-directed learning handout to each child and let them work together or alone.

Primary Activity and Handout Answer Sheet

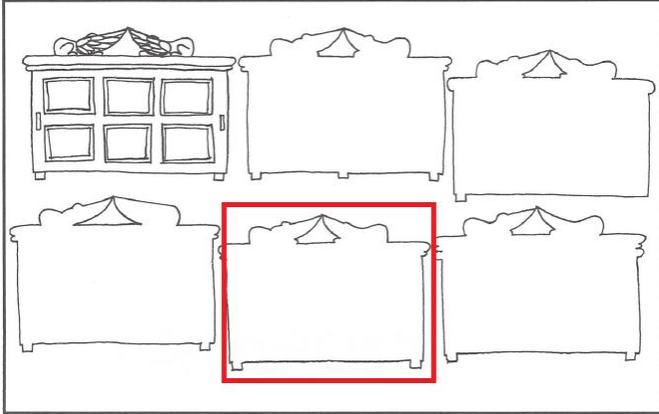
The Mishkan or Tabernacle – Page 1

Note: Review the items/part of the Mishkan with the children using the handout.



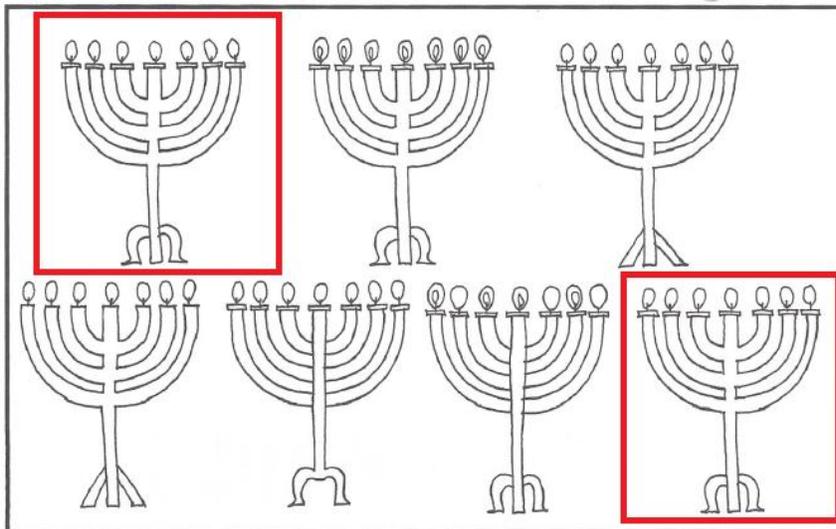
The Ark of the Covenant – Page 2

The Ark of the Covenant was a wooden box that had gold covering it. The top of the Ark was made from gold and had two cherub or angels on it. Which outline of the Ark of the Covenant matches the finished drawing?



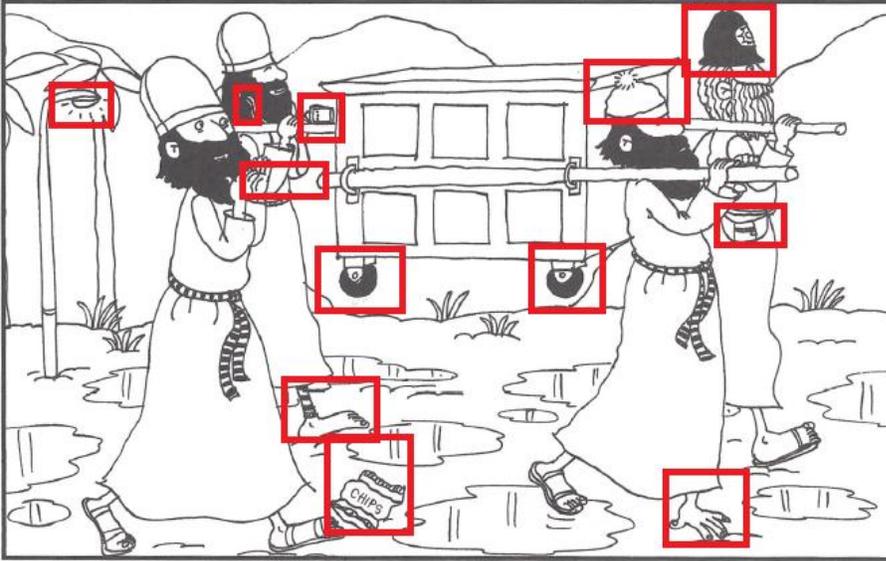
The Menorah – Page 2

The Menorah was a 7 branch lamp stand that was made of solid gold. It was used in the Holy Place to give light in the Mishkan. The artist has drawn 7 pictures of the candlestick. Which two are exactly the same?



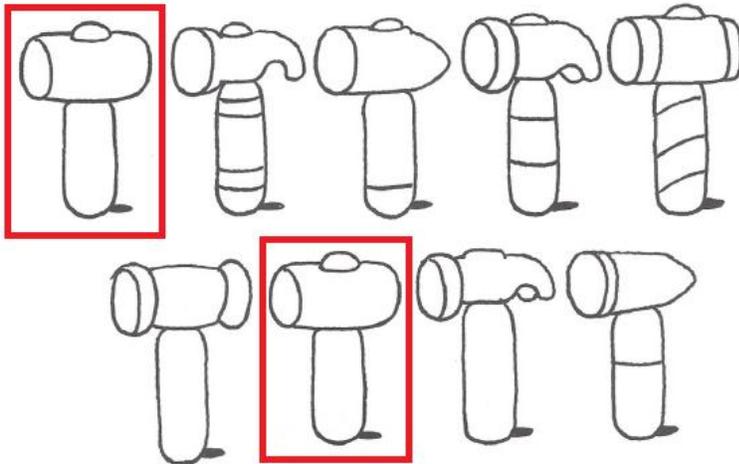
Carrying the Ark – Page 3

The LORD wanted the Mishkan and all its furniture to be easily carried. Find the deliberate mistakes in this picture of the priests carrying the Ark.



A Bag of Hammers – Page 3

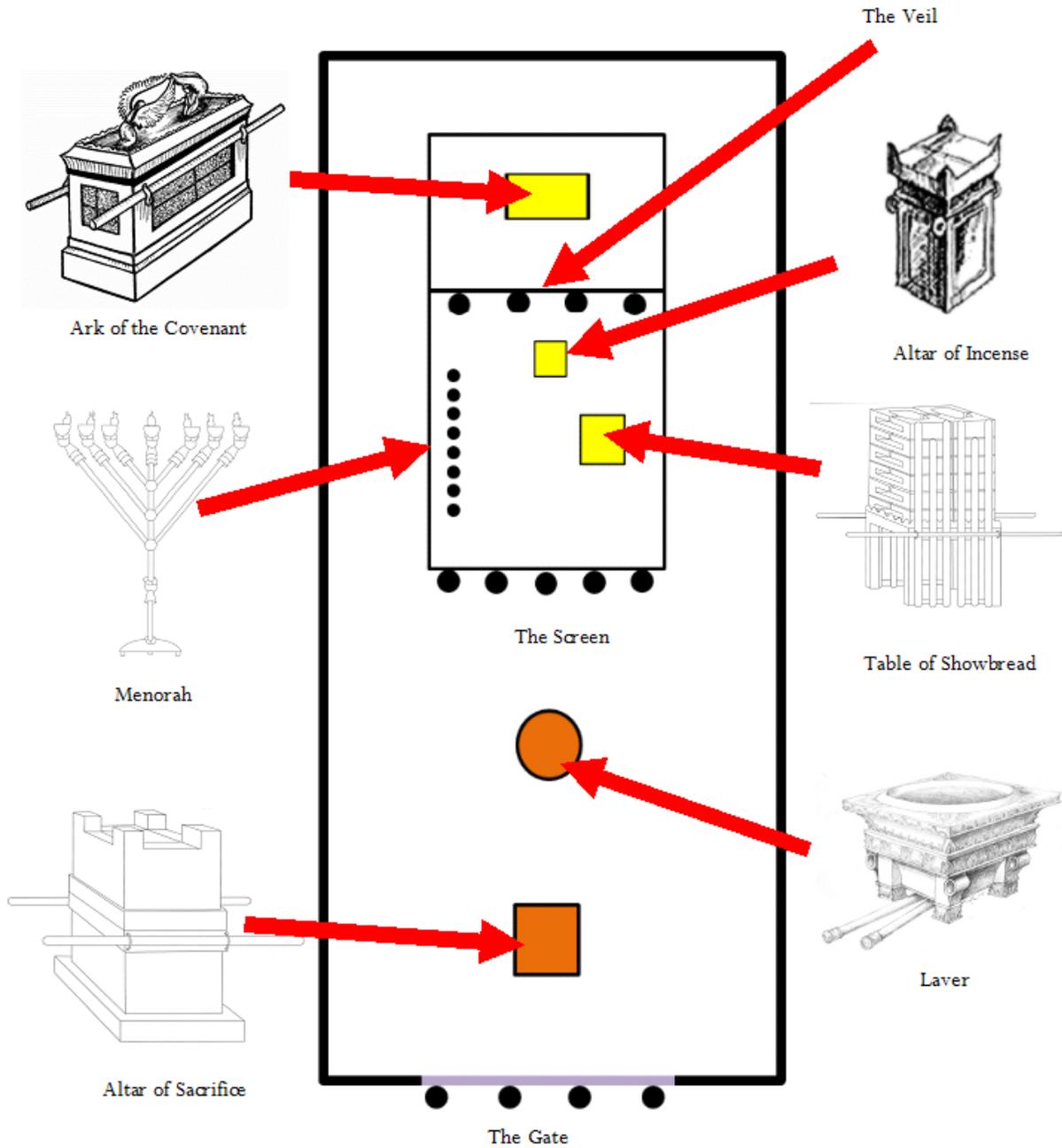
When the Mishkan was being built, the people used many different tools. The hammer was used to place the gold and bronze on different items that would go into the Mishkan. Which 2 hammers are exactly the same?



Elementary Handout Answer Sheet

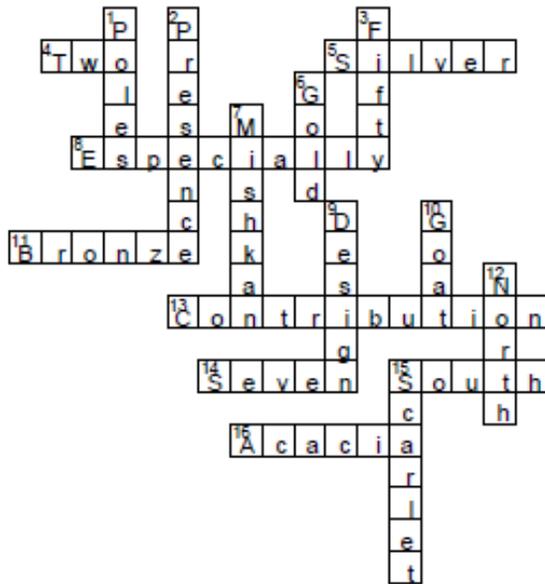
The Mishkan or Tabernacle Layout – Page 1

Note: Review the items/parts of the Mishkan with the children using the handout.



Crossword Puzzle – Page 2

Use the “Complete Jewish Bible” to help find the answers. Complete the puzzle using the clues shown below.



Across

4. How many cherubim/k'ruvim of gold were on the Ark of the Covenant? (Ex 25:18)
5. What material was used in the sockets that held the boards together in the Mishkan? (Ex 26:19)
8. The Ark of the Covenant was placed in the _____ Holy Place or Holy of Holies? (Ex 26:34)
11. Besides acacia wood, what other material was used to make the Altar of Sacrifice? (Ex 27:2)
13. Tell the people of Isra'el to take up a collection for me - accept a _____ from anyone who wholeheartedly wants to give. (Ex 25:2)
14. What was the total number of branches and lamps on the Menorah? (Ex 25:37)
15. Where (north, south, east or west) was the Menorah placed inside the Mishkan? (Ex 26:35)
16. What wood was used to construct the Ark of the Covenant? (Ex 25:10)

Down

1. What was used to carry the Ark of the Covenant? (Ex 25:14)
2. What was the name of the bread that was placed on the Table of Showbread? (Ex 25:30)
3. How many loops were used to form and connect the outermost sheets or curtains of the Mishkan? (Ex 26:10)
6. What material was used to make the Mercy Seat? (Ex 25:17)
7. What is the Hebrew word for Tabernacle?
9. You are to make it according to everything I show you -the _____ of the tabernacle and the design of its furnishings. This is how you are to make it (Ex 25:9)
10. What animal's hair was used to cover the Mishkan? (Ex 26:7)
12. Where (north, south, east or west) was the Table placed inside the Mishkan? (Ex 26:35)
15. Blue and purple were used as colors in the Curtains of Linen. What was the third color used? (Ex 26:1)

Let Learn Hebrew – Page 3

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Word Find Puzzle – Page 3

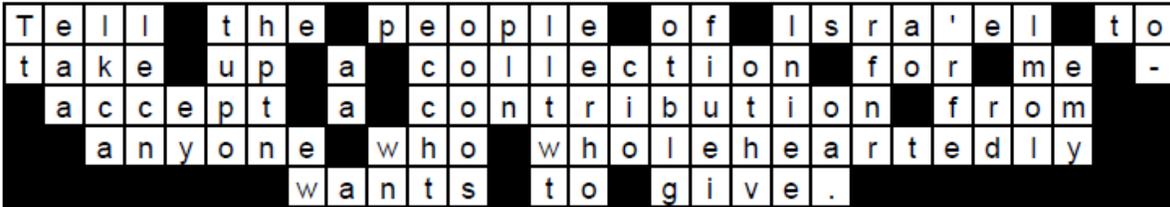
Find the hidden words within the grid of letters.

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Acacia	Cherubim	Incense	Purple	Table
Altar	Contribution	Laver	Scarlet	Veil
Ark	Covenant	Menorah	Seven	
Blue	Gate	Mishkan	Showbread	
Boards	Goat	Poles	Silver	
Bronze	Gold	Presence	Sockets	

The Fallen Phrase Puzzle – Page 4

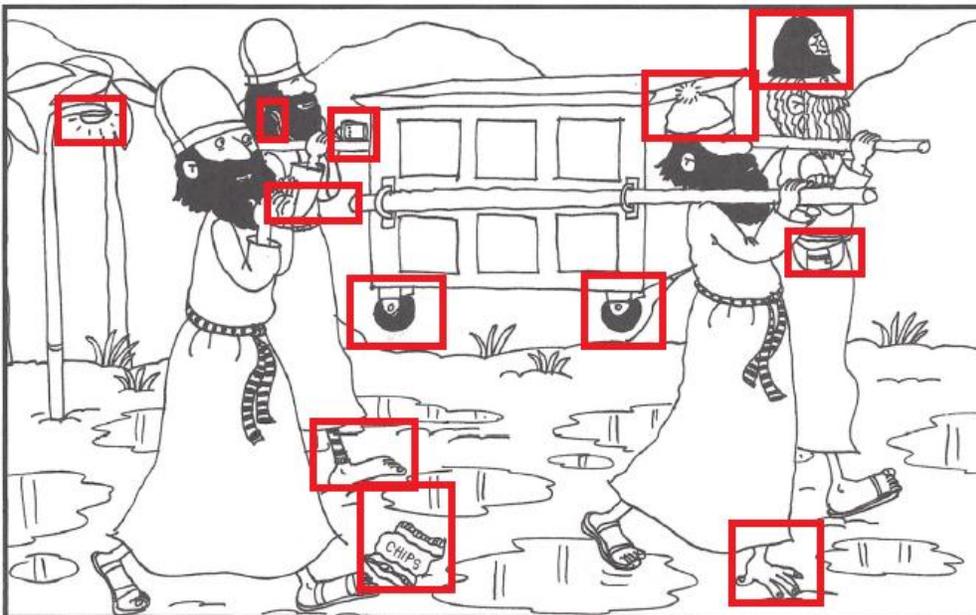
Find the hidden phrase by using the letters directly below each of the blank squares. Each letter is used once.



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Just for Fun – Page 4

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