

Master Plan • Middle Elementary • Winter Year 2 • *God's Design for Worship*

UNIT 1: The Tabernacle

UNIT 2: The Priests

UNIT 3: Sacrifices, Feasts and Sacred Assemblies

UNIT 4: Christ, Our High Priest

Lesson Number and Title		Bible Truth	Lesson Focus	Memory Work
1	Worshiping God	After giving the Ten Commandments, God told the Israelites to build a tabernacle where he would dwell among them and they would worship him. (Exodus 7, 20, 24, 25)	To understand that worship is very important to God; to learn that we must worship God <i>only</i> in the way he commands in his Word; to ask God for a willing heart to worship him as he deserves.	When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has said we will do." Exodus 24:3
2	Living in God's Presence	God instructed Moses to build the tabernacle and place it in the center of the camp so that he would be the center of his people's lives. (Exodus 35, 40; Numbers 2; John 1)	To learn that God designed the position of the tabernacle to teach Israel what it meant to live in his presence; to understand that the tabernacle pointed to God the Son, Jesus Christ, who would come and live among his people; to believe that God's presence with us is the most important thing in worship and in our lives.	The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14
3	Building the Tabernacle	God gave exact instructions for the work on the tabernacle and its furnishings. Each part taught the Israelites something about God, his people and how to worship him. (Exodus 35–37)	To discover that God gave the people the abilities they needed to construct the tabernacle according to his plan; to learn about God's plan for the parts of the tabernacle, which would be his dwelling place; to understand that all of the tabernacle pointed to Christ, the promised Savior, who would come to pay for the sins of his people once for all.	"Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you." Exodus 25:8–9
4	Faithfully Following God's Commands	The Israelites faithfully completed the work on the tabernacle, setting it up just as God commanded, so that Israel could live in the presence of God. (Exodus 30, 38–40)	To learn that God's Spirit enabled the people to do the work according to the pattern God gave Moses; to discover that when the tabernacle was completed and set up, God blessed his people and his guiding presence came to dwell with them; to praise God that he is with those who trust in Jesus Christ, the promised Savior, and that he blesses and guides them always.	Review: Exodus 24:3 John 1:14 Exodus 25:8–9
5	Setting Apart the Priests	God chose and set apart priests from the tribe of Levi to serve him in the tabernacle. (Exodus 28, 39; Numbers 3)	To find out who priests were and what God commanded them to wear; to discover what priests did and why they were needed; to learn that we do not need priests today because Jesus is our High Priest.	"Then I will dwell among the Israelites and be their God. They will know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of Egypt so that I might dwell among them. I am the LORD their God." Exodus 29:45–46
6	Serving as Representatives	God gave detailed instructions for the consecration and service of the priests and required obedience. God judged Nadab and Abihu because they disobeyed his holy commands. (Exodus 29; Leviticus 8–10)	To find out how and why the priests were to be consecrated; to learn that sinful priests could not atone for sin; to thank God for sending Jesus, our perfect High Priest and Mediator, to atone for sin.	Review: Exodus 29:45–46
7	Offering Sacrifices for Sin	God provided atonement for sins by the death of animals that stood in the place of the sinner until the promised Savior came. (Leviticus 4–6, 17; Exodus 29; Romans 6; Hebrews 10)	To learn that in the Old Testament, God required animal sacrifices to atone for sins; to recognize that all people are guilty before God and need a Savior to pay for their sins; to trust in Jesus as Savior, thanking God for forgiving us and making us right with him.	"I am the LORD your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy , because I am holy ." Leviticus 11:44a
8	Offering Sacrifices of Worship	God called the Israelites to give themselves wholeheartedly to him by bringing consecration and fellowship offerings. (Leviticus 1–3; Romans 12)	To thank God for his grace and mercy in providing the means to forgive sinners; to understand that because of God's great mercy, we are to offer ourselves to Christ in thanksgiving and service; to learn that true worship involves both confessing sin and expressing faith in Christ, the perfect Lamb of God.	Review: Leviticus 11:44a
9	Making Atonement for the People	On the annual Day of Atonement, the high priest made sacrifices for all the sins of the Israelites. (Leviticus 16, 23)	To know what happened on the Day of Atonement; to understand that Jesus Christ's final sacrifice paid for his people's sins once for all, unlike the covering of sins on the Day of Atonement each year; to thank God for cleansing us from all our sins through Jesus Christ.	We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Hebrews 10:10b
10	Celebrating Festivals and Holy Days	God gave his people special days and seasons as festivals of remembrance, joy and thanksgiving. (Leviticus 23, 25; Exodus 12)	To discover the festivals and holy days God set aside for his covenant community; to recognize that each Lord's Day is a special day for remembrance, joy and thanksgiving for what Christ has done for us; to thank the Lord for giving us rest and for giving us hearts that desire to gather with his people to worship and remember him.	Review: Exodus 24:3; John 1:14; Exodus 25:8–9; Exodus 29:45–46; Leviticus 11:44a; Hebrews 10:10b
11	Drawing Near to God through Christ	Christ, our High Priest, is the only One whose sacrifice can provide forgiveness of our sins and make us acceptable to God. (Hebrews 9, 10, 13)	To understand why we no longer worship with a tabernacle, priests and sacrifices; to praise God for Christ's once-for-all sacrifice for us; to draw near to God through faith in Christ, our High Priest.	Because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Hebrews 7:24–25
12	Worshiping as a Church	God calls his people together as a church to worship him. (Leviticus 23; 2 Chronicles 7; Psalm 84; Luke 4; Acts 2; Colossians 3; Hebrews 10)	To understand that God's people regularly come together to worship him as he commands in his Word; to learn that through gathering in God's presence to worship him, Christians receive God's grace; to acknowledge that worship is at the heart of life in the church.	Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:25
13	Worshiping and Serving God	The God we worship in acts of worship is the God we serve in all of life. (Nehemiah 8; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 10; Romans 12)	To recall God's design for worship; to recognize that God deserves to be worshiped and honored in everything we do; to respond to God's mercy to us by giving ourselves to him in thanksgiving and service.	Review: Hebrews 7:24–25 Hebrews 10:25

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