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The Israelites Oppressed - Exodus 1:1-22

Topics: Fear, Infanticide, Lying, Murder, Obedience, Oppressed, Power, Slavery

Open It

- * 1. Who is one person you admire for the strength of his or her beliefs? Why?
 - 2. When have you ever been asked to do something you knew was wrong?
 - 3. What are the risks involved in standing up for your convictions?

Explore It

- 4. Who went to Egypt with his family? (1:1)
- 5. What were the names of the family members who went to Egypt? (1:2-5)
- 6. What happened to the people of Joseph's generation? (1:6)
- 7. How is the population growth of the Israelites described? (1:7)
- 8. Who came to power in Egypt? (1:8)
- 9. What was the king's fear about the growth of Israel? (1:9-10)
- 10. What did the king do to the Israelites? (1:11)
- 11. What were the working conditions for the Israelites? (1:12-14)
- 12. Who were the Hebrew midwives to whom the king spoke? (1:15)
- * 13. What did the king tell the midwives to do? (1:16)
- * 14. Why did the midwives refuse to obey the king's order? (1:17)15. What explanation did the midwives give for disobeying the king? (1:19)
- * 16. How did God respond to the midwives' obedience? (1:20-21)
 - 17. What order did Pharaoh issue to all the people of Egypt? (1:22)

Get It

- 18. What can our fears cause us to do?
- 19. How do you think Pharaoh's fear led him to making bad decisions?
- * 20. What risks would be involved in disobeying the orders of a king?
 - 21. What is wrong or right about concealing our actions when we refuse to do something wrong?
 - 22. What would be your options if an authority told you to do something within the law but against God's law?
- * 23. What is the difference between fearing God and fearing people?
 - 24. What are the benefits of respecting God?
 - 25. In what ways do you find it easier to obey the wishes of people instead of God?
 - 26. What risks might you face in standing up for what you believe?

- 27. What is one way you can take a stand for God this week?
- * 28. What do you want to say or do the next time you are asked to compromise an important moral principle?

The Birth of Moses - Exodus 2:1-25

Topics: Adoption, Compassion, Covenant, Escape, Fear, Heroism, Infanticide, Marriage, Murder, Slavery

Open It

- 1. What would it be like to live with the fear of someone wanting to kill you?
- * 2. Where would you go if you had to flee for your life? Why?
 - 3. What do you think would go through your mind if you suddenly found out you were adopted?
 - 4. In what ways do you take steps to protect your children?

Explore It

- 5. Who got married? (2:1)
- 6. How long did the Levite woman hide her newborn son? Why? (2:2)
- 7. What did the Levite woman do when she could no longer hide her baby? (2:3-4)
- 8. Who came to bathe in the Nile, and what was her reaction to finding a baby? (2:5-6)
- 9. What critical part did the baby's sister play in this situation? (2:7-8)
- 10. What was the baby named, and who adopted him? (2:9-10)
- * 11. What did Moses observe about the conditions of his own people? (2:11)
- * 12. How did Moses deliver his version of justice, and what happened as a result? (2:12-14)
- * 13. Why did Moses flee Egypt, and where did he go? (2:15)
 - 14. Who showed up at the well where Moses was sitting? (2:16)
 - 15. What heroic act did Moses perform at the well? (2:17)
 - 16. How did the girl's father respond to Moses' act of kindness? (2:20)
 - 17. Whom did Moses marry, and what was the name of their son? (2:21-22)
 - 18. While Moses was in Midian, what was going on in Egypt? (2:23)
 - 19. What was God's response to the cries of the Israelites? (2:24-25)

Get It

- 20. How does God work in people's hearts despite unjust and wicked laws?
- 21. If you discovered an abandoned baby, what do you think you would do?
- 22. What do you think adopted children often feel about their birth parents?
- * 23. What was right or wrong about Moses' murdering the Egyptian slave master?
- * 24. What makes it right or wrong to take justice into our own hands?
 - 25. What is it like to be caught for doing something wrong?
 - 26. Why do some people get involved in risky situations and others steer clear from them?
 - 27. How does it make you feel to know that God hears your cries for help?

Apply It

* 28. Knowing that God hears you, how can you face rather than run from your fears today? 29. How can you help someone who runs instead of deals with problems?

Moses and the Burning Bush - Exodus 3:1-4:31

Topics: Challenge, Courage, Excuses, Obedience, Promises

Open It

- * 1. What are some of the reasons people do not take on certain challenges?
 - 2. What are some typical excuses people give for avoiding challenges?
 - 3. How have difficult challenges helped your personal growth and character?

Explore It

- 4. How does God miraculously appear to Moses? (3:1-4)
- * 5. What challenges did Moses face? (3:1-4:31)
- 6. What did God tell Moses to do? (3:5-10)
- 7. Who did God say He was to Moses? (3:6)
- * 8. What was Moses' response to God's challenge? (3:11)
- * 9. How did God reassure Moses that he could face his challenge? (3:12)
 - 10. What did God want Moses to say to the elders of Israel? (3:16-17)
 - 11. How did God describe Egypt's response to what Moses would say? (3:19-22)
 - 12. What was the excuse Moses gave to God? (4:1)
 - 13. What miracles did God perform for Moses? (4:2-9)
 - 14. How did Moses describe himself as a public speaker? (4:10)
 - 15. How did God adjust for Moses' lack of confidence in public speaking? (4:14-17)
 - 16. What were the details of Moses' trip back to Egypt? (4:18-28)
 - 17. What happened when Moses and Aaron gathered all the elders of Israel? (4:29-30)
 - 18. How did the elders respond to the news of God's concern for them? (4:31)

Get It

- * 19. How did Moses feel about the challenge God was giving him?
 - 20. What are some of the fears you think Moses was feeling?
 - 21. When you are faced with challenges that require your weaknesses, how do you tend to respond?
 - 22. Why is it easy to make excuses?
 - 23. When is it easiest to make excuses for not trying something new?
 - 24. What are the benefits of obeying God?
 - 25. In what ways do we lose when we disobey God?
- * 26. Why does God put certain challenges before us?
 - 27. What are the risks you face when you take on a difficult challenge?
 - 28. How will you benefit whenever you trust God with the challenges you face?

- * 29. What difficult challenge do you need to face courageously this week?
 - 30. What is a practical way you can depend on God instead of making excuses?

God Sends Moses to Pharaoh - Exodus 5:1-7:13

Topics: Commitment, Conflict, Difficulty, Stubbornness, Suffering, Trust

Open It

- 1. When was the last time you said yes to something and later wished you had said no?
- * 2. What makes it difficult to follow through on tasks that you don't want to do?

Explore It

- 3. Pharaoh responded to Moses and Aaron in what way? (5:1-9)
- * 4. In what way did Moses find it difficult to lead Israel out of Egypt? (5:1-7:13)
 - 5. What conflict arose among the Israelite workers? (5:10-19)
 - 6. What heated words did the Israelite foreman share with Moses and Aaron? (5:20-21)
- * 7. How did a discouraged Moses describe his difficulties to God? (5:22-23)
 - 8. In specific detail, how did God remind Moses of His covenant? (6:1-8)
 - 9. How responsive were the Israelites to Moses' message? (6:9)
 - 10. What families were mentioned in the genealogy? (6:13-27)
- * 11. What kind of difficulty did Moses keep complaining to God about? (6:28-29)
- 12. What was God's solution to Moses' speech problems? (7:1-2)
- 13. What was God going to do to Pharaoh? (7:3)
- 14. What was God going to do as a result of Pharaoh's refusal to listen? (7:4-5)
- 15. How did Moses respond to the Lord? (7:6)
- 16. What did God tell Moses and Aaron to do when they went to Pharaoh? (7:8-9)
- 17. Pharaoh countered the miracles of Moses and Aaron in what way? (7:10-12)
- 18. Even after seeing amazing miracles, what was the condition of Pharaoh's heart? (7:13)

Get It

- * 19. How do you think you would have felt if you had faced the difficulties Moses was facing? 20. What do Moses' struggles tell you about his personal character?
 - 21. What thoughts go through your mind when you feel like giving up?
 - 22. How do you think Aaron was a support and encouragement to Moses?
- * 23. When you're facing difficulties, how does having a good friend help?
 - 24. How can struggles and problems cause our hearts to grow hard toward God?
 - 25. What can we do to keep ourselves sensitive and responsive to God (unlike Pharaoh)?
 - 26. What are the consequences of not listening to God?
 - 27. Why is it important to follow through on commitments?

- * 28. What is a commitment that you are having difficulty keeping?
 - 29. How is your character being shaped by sticking to your commitments?
 - 30. What can you do this week to follow through on your commitments?

Plagues Strike Egypt - Exodus 7:14-11:10

Topics: Consequences, Hardheartedness, Opposition, Stubbornness, Suffering

Open It

- 1. What is it like to speak to someone who is not listening to you?
- * 2. What's the difference between a good listener and a poor listener?
 - 3. What can result when someone is not a good listener?

Explore It

- * 4. Who was and who was not listening to God in the plague of blood? (7:14-24)
 - 5. Why was Egypt filled with frogs? (8:1-15)
 - 6. What miracle were the magicians unable to reproduce? (8:18)
 - 7. What is distinctive about where the flies were in Egypt? (8:20-24)
 - 8. What was a major difference between the livestock of the Egyptians and Israelites? (9:1-7)
 - 9. How was furnace soot useful for making Egyptians miserable? (9:8-12)
 - 10. Why didn't the plague of hail change Pharaoh's heart? (9:13-35)
- 11. What purpose would Pharaoh's refusal to listen to God play in Israel's history? (10:1-2)
- 12. What did Pharaoh's officials say to Pharaoh about Egypt's destruction? (10:7)
- 13. What insincere request did Pharaoh make? (10:16-20)
- 14. In the plague of darkness, what condition did Pharaoh give Moses for leaving? (10:21-26)
- 15. What final warning did Moses give Pharaoh? (11:1-8)
- * 16. What did God say about Pharaoh's willingness to listen to God? (11:9)

Get It

- 17. If Pharaoh had allowed the Israelites to leave when he was first asked, what would he have lost?
- * 18. By refusing to listen to God, what losses did Pharaoh suffer?
- 19. How can our refusal to listen to God have negative consequences on others?
- * 20. Why did Moses and Aaron keep listening to God?
- 21. What are the characteristics of a hard heart?
- 22. What could have happened if Moses refused to listen to God?
- 23. How did Moses and Aaron help each other in listening to God?
- 24. Why does listening to God keep our hearts soft and not hard toward Him?

- * 25. What can you do today to be sensitive to God and His Word?
- 26. In what specific area of your life do you need to listen more closely to God?

The Passover - Exodus 12:1-30

Topics: Celebration, Death, Instructions, Obedience, Sacrifice, Worship

Open It

- * 1. What is it like trying to assemble something without an instruction manual?
 - 2. Why do airplanes have detailed emergency exit plans?
 - 3. What happens when people fail to follow instructions?

Explore It

- 4. What did God tell Moses and Aaron about a new Jewish calendar? (12:1-2)
- * 5. What specific instruction did God give Moses to tell all of Israel? (12:3)
 - 6. What was a family to do if their lamb was too big for them to eat? (12:4)
 - 7. How did God describe what the condition of the lambs must be? (12:5)
 - 8. What were the Israelites supposed to do with the lambs they got? (12:6-7)
- * 9. What were God's instructions about how the Passover meal was to be eaten? (12:8-11)
 - 10. What did God say He was going to do on the Passover night? (12:12)
 - 11. What would happen if the Israelites had blood on their homes? (12:13)
 - 12. Why did God want bread prepared in a certain way? (12:15)
 - 13. What were God's instructions about the Feast of Unleavened Bread? (12:16-20)
 - 14. What did Moses tell the elders of Israel? (12:21-23)
- * 15. How were God's instructions significant for Israel's future? (12:24-27)
 - 16. How did the Israelites respond to Moses and Aaron? (12:28)
 - 17. What happened at midnight in Egypt? (12:29)
 - 18. What was the final result of Pharaoh's hard heart against God? (12:30)

Get It

- * 19. Why did God give the Israelites detailed instructions about celebrating Passover?
 - 20. How important was it for the Israelites to obey every detail of God's instructions?
 - 21. What could have happened if the Israelites had disobeyed God?
 - 22. Why do some people refuse to listen to and obey God?
- * 23. What has God done to ensure that we know what His instructions are?
 - 24. Why was Moses and Aaron's role important in communicating God's wishes clearly?
 - 25. What happens when instructions are difficult to understand?
 - 26. How is obeying God an act of worship?
 - 27. How does death motivate people to listen to God?

- * 28. What can you do today to follow God's instructions for your life?
 - 29. How could you help someone this week who is suffering the consequences of ignoring God's instructions?
 - 30. How could you share with a friend the benefits of obeying God?

The Exodus - Exodus 12:31-13:16

Topics: Believe, Commands, Possessions, Purpose, Remembering

Open It

- * 1. What do you remember most about growing up?
 - 2. What do memories have to teach us about where we are today?
 - 3. How do many possessions make packing and moving difficult?

Explore It

- 4. What did Pharaoh tell Moses and Aaron to do? (12:31-32)
- 5. How did the Egyptians help the Israelites leave Egypt? (12:33-36)
- 6. Where did the Israelites go? (12:37)
- 7. What did the Israelites bring with them out of Egypt? (12:37-39)
- * 8. How did the Israelites' years in Egypt relate to remembering the Lord? (12:40-42)
 - 9. What instructions did God give Moses and Aaron regarding the Passover? (12:43-49)
 - 10. In what way did the Israelites respond to the Lord's command? (12:50)
 - 11. What did God command Moses to do to every firstborn male? (13:1-2)
 - 12. Why did Moses tell the people to commemorate the day they left Egypt? (13:3-5)
 - 13. What type of bread were the Israelites supposed to eat? (13:6-7)
 - 14. What were the Israelites to pass along to their children? (13:8)
- * 15. What was the purpose of the Israelites' remembering God? (13:9-10)
- * 16. What were the Israelites to do with their livestock? (13:11-13)
 - 17. Why did God want the Israelites to sacrifice the firstborn males of their livestock? (13:14-16)
 - 18. What was a father to tell his son concerning God's deliverance of Israel? (13:14-16)

Get It

- 19. How do you think it would feel to be freed from slavery?
- * 20. Why did God want the Israelites to remember how He delivered them?
- 21. In what ways can forgetting what God has done in our lives hurt us?
- * 22. Why did God command Moses and Aaron to remember His mighty works?
 - 23. How does telling our children about what God has done help them grow?
 - 24. Why do you think God gave such specific instructions about remembering Him?
 - 25. How can remembering God's goodness and grace make us thankful?
 - 26. In what ways do your possessions ever weigh you down?
 - 27. Materialism can bring the worst out of us in what ways?

- * 28. What can you do to remember and include God in everything you do this week?
 - 29. In what specific ways are you thankful for God's protection in the past?
 - 30. How can you teach your children this week to remember and honor God?

Crossing the Sea - Exodus 13:17-15:21

Topics: Direction, Fear, Listening, Obedience, Protection, Victory

Open It

- 1. When you were growing up, what were ways you didn't listen to your parents?
- * 2. What are some of the reasons parents tell children to follow specific directions?
 - 3. What is the most ridiculous thing you've ever been asked to do?

Explore It

- * 4. What was God's reason for directing the Israelites toward the Red Sea? (13:17-18)
- * 5. How did God supernaturally use fire and clouds to lead the Israelites? (13:20-22)
- * 6. For what purpose did God give Moses very specific directions? (14:1-4)
 - 7. How did Pharaoh react when he was told that the Israelites left? (14:5-9)
 - 8. What did the Israelites cry to Moses when the Egyptians came after them? (14:10-12)
 - 9. How did Moses respond when the Egyptians were bearing down on the Israelites? (14:13-14)
 - 10. What did God say to Moses to get the Israelites moving? (14:15-18)
 - 11. Who was used to protect the Israelites? (14:19-20)
 - 12. What miraculous events took place at the Red Sea? (14:21-31)
 - 13. How did Moses and the Israelites respond to the victory God gave them? (15:1-5)
 - 14. What are some of the attributes of God described by the Israelites? (15:6-13)
 - 15. What are significant differences between the people of Israel and pagan nations? (15:14-18)
 - 16. How did Moses' sister, Miriam, respond to God's deliverance of Israel from the Egyptians? (15:19-21)

Get It

- * 17. How do you think Moses felt when God gave him specific directions?
- * 18. How is it hard to follow God when we know He wants to direct us to safety?
 - 19. How do you imagine God felt when the Israelites cried to return to Egypt?
 - 20. How is listening to God tied to our safety and protection?
 - 21. What might the Israelites have felt about their bad attitudes after God rescued them?
 - 22. How can bad attitudes and not listening to God get us in trouble?
 - 23. What do we have to do to be obedient to God even when we don't feel like it?
 - 24. How has God performed amazing "Red Sea" miracles in your life?

- 25. How can you give your fears to God this week?
- 26. What is a practical way you can consciously listen to God today?
- * 27. What benefits can you see in following God's direction in your life right now?

Complaining in the Desert - Exodus 15:22-17:7

Topics: Attitude, Backslide, Complaining, Disobedience, Provision

Open It

- * 1. How would you describe the personality of someone who complains a lot?
 - 2. How does a bad attitude spread to others?
 - 3. What does it feel like to find a twenty dollar bill when you're short on cash?

Explore It

- 4. After the Red Sea, in what condition did the Israelites find themselves? (15:22)
- * 5. What did the Israelites complain about? (15:23-24)
 - 6. What happened when Moses threw the stick in the water? (15:25)
 - 7. What did God say to test the Israelites? (15:26)
- * 8. The Israelites complained and grumbled to Moses about what? (16:1-3)
 - 9. How did God say He would test and provide for Israel? (16:4-5)
 - 10. Moses and Aaron responded to the Israelites grumbling in what way? (16:6-8)
 - 11. What did Moses tell Aaron to do? (16:9)
 - 12. How did God appear to the Israelites in the desert? (16:10-12)
 - 13. With what type of food did God provide the Israelites? (16:13-16)
 - 14. Moses gave Israel what kind of specific instructions? (16:17-19)
 - 15. What happened to the food that was kept until morning? (16:20)
 - 16. How were preparations for food on the Sabbath made? (16:21-26)
 - 17. What did Moses say to the people who refused to obey his instructions? (16:27-29)
- * 18. How did Israel complain against God at Rephidim? (17:1-3)
 - 19. What did God tell Moses to do so He could provide Israel with water? (17:4-7)

Get It

- 20. Why is it difficult to be with people who complain a lot?
- 21. How were the complaints and grumblings of Israel displeasing to the Lord?
- 22. Why do we complain when God doesn't provide when we expect Him to?
- * 23. How is complaining to God an act of disobedience?
- 24. What do you think Moses felt as he tried to handle the attitudes of the Israelites?
- * 25. What is it like trying to lead a group of people who are a bunch of complainers?
- 26. Why does God provide for us on His timing and not ours?
- 27. How has God provided for you in the past?

- * 28. How can you say thank you to God today instead of complaining to Him?
 - 29. What can you do (or not do) this week to trust God to provide for you?
 - 30. How can God's provision for Israel remind you to be thankful for what you have?

The Amalekites Defeated - Exodus 17:8-16

Topics: Achievements, Challenge, Courage, Opposition, Protection, War

Open It

- 1. What are some of the fiercest battles our country has fought?
- 2. What are some of the daily challenges you face?
- 3. How does war bring out the true character of men and women?
- * 4. What are the different ways courage is expressed during times of war?

Explore It

- 5. Who attacked the Israelites at Rephidim? (17:8)
- 6. What did Moses tell Joshua to do? (17:9)
- * 7. How did Joshua express his courage by obeying Moses? (17:10)
 - 8. Where did Moses, Aaron, and Hur go? (17:10)
 - 9. What happened when Moses held up his hands? (17:11)
- * 10. Aaron and Hur had courage to help Moses in what way? (17:12)
- * 11. Who won the battle? (17:13)
 - 12. What did the Lord ask Moses to do? (17:14)
 - 13. What name was given to the altar Moses built for the Lord? (17:15)
 - 14. How long did Moses say the Israelites would be at war with the Amalekites? (17:16)

Get It

- 15. What are daily challenges we face?
- 16. How do the challenges we deal with make it seem like we're at war?
- * 17. What kind of courage did Joshua need to obey Moses?
- 18. What challenges did Aaron and Hur face in helping Moses?
- * 19. Why do we often run away from challenges instead of being courageous? 20. In what ways does God protect us in our battles?
 - 21. How critical was it for Moses to have his friends help him in the battle?
 - 22. How can we be more courageous?

- * 23. What battle are you facing that you need courage to overcome?
 - 24. How can you rely on God's Word to help you be courageous and overcome fear?
 - 25. When can you pray for each battle you will face this week?

Jethro Visits Moses - Exodus 18:1-27

Topics: Advice, Character, Delegation, Family, Leadership

Open It

- 1. When was a time you broke something important while trying to fix it yourself?
- * 2. What is some of the best advice you have ever been given?
 - 3. How can overworking make a person's life miserable?

Explore It

- 4. Who was Jethro? (18:1)
- 5. What were the names of Moses' wife and two sons? (18:2-4)
- 6. What was the message that Jethro sent to Moses? (18:5-6)
- 7. When Moses met Jethro, what did they talk about? (18:7-8)
- 8. How did Jethro respond to what Moses told him? (18:9-11)
- 9. What did Jethro do in response to God's deliverance of Israel? (18:12)
- 10. What kind of work did Moses do from morning till evening? (18:13)
- 11. What did Jethro say to Moses when he saw how hard Moses was working? (18:14)
- 12. What kind of job description did Moses give to his father-in-law? (18:15-16)
- 13. How did Jethro express his concern for Moses? (18:17-18)
- * 14. What kind of advice did Jethro give Moses? (18:19-23)
 - 15. What kind of people was Moses to select for leadership? (18:21)
 - 16. What types of responsibilities were Moses' leaders supposed to have? (18:22)
- * 17. How would Jethro's advice benefit Moses and the people of Israel? (18:23)
- * 18. What did Moses do with Jethro's advice? (18:24-25)
 - 19. How were Moses' leaders to handle difficult cases? (18:26)
 - 20. To where did Jethro return after being with Moses? (18:27)

Get It

- 21. What are the dangers of trying to do too much by yourself?
- 22. How do you think Moses felt trying to handle all the problems of Israel?
- 23. How would you have felt if Jethro told you what he told Moses?
- 24. What kind of personal character does God desire for people in leadership?
- 25. What character qualities would you like to develop as a leader?
- 26. What are the signs of burnout in ministering to others?
- 27. Why are the personal qualities of a leader important to working with people?
- * 28. Why is it hard to take advice from in-laws?
 - 29. In what ways do you overextend yourself or tend toward being a workaholic?
- * 30. How did you think all of Israel benefitted from Jethro's advice?
 - 31. What's wrong with the saying "If you want something done right, you have to do it yourself"?

- 32. What do you need to delegate to someone else this week?
- * 33. How can Jethro's advice to Moses make a definite difference in your life?

At Sinai - Exodus 19:1-25

Topics: Direction, Instructions, Limitations, Listening, Obedience

Open It

- 1. What is it like being caught in a place where you're not supposed to be?
- * 2. Why do people put up No Trespassing signs?
 - 3. When you are given a job, why is it important to have detailed instructions?

Explore It

- 4. When did the Israelites arrive at the Desert of Sinai? (19:1)
- 5. Where did the Israelites set up camp? (19:2)
- 6. What did God tell Moses from the mountain? (19:3-6)
- * 7. How did Moses respond to God's instructions? (19:7)
 - 8. What did the people of Israel say to Moses? (19:8)
 - 9. What did God say to Moses? (19:9)
- * 10. What specific instructions did God want the Israelites to follow? (19:10-13)
- * 11. How did the Israelites listen to Moses' instructions? (19:14-15)
 - 12. What were the weather conditions on the morning of the third day? (19:16)
 - 13. Where did Moses lead the people of Israel? (19:17)
 - 14. What did Mount Sinai look like? (19:18)
 - 15. How did God warn Moses on Mount Sinai? (19:20-22)
 - 16. What limits did Moses talk to God about? (19:23)
 - 17. Whom did God tell Moses to go down the mountain and bring back? (19:24)

Get It

- 18. Why are instructions so critical to carrying out specific tasks?
- 19. What types of limitations do certain institutions have on our lives?
- 20. How can boundaries prevent us from harming ourselves?
- * 21. Why does God place certain limitations on our lives?
 - 22. What are the potential problems we face when we ignore No Trespassing signs?
 - 23. Why do you think God wanted only Moses and Aaron on Mount Sinai?
 - 24. How do you deal with limitations and restrictions you don't always understand?
- 25. Why do we often ignore God's clear and unmistakable warnings?
- * 26. How can ignoring God's instructions be hazardous?
 - 27. How can little steps of obedience improve our relationship with God?

- 28. What is one of God's clear instructions you want to make a conscious effort to obey more consistently?
- * 29. What is one practical way you can follow God's direction for your life?

The Ten Commandments - Exodus 20:1-26

Topics: Awe, God, Idolatry, Law, Love, Words

Open It

- 1. How do you feel when you tell someone something and he or she completely ignores what you say?
- 2. Why do governments establish laws and policies?
- * 3. What are things our society tends to worship?

Explore It

- 4. Who spoke these words? (20:1)
- 5. How did God describe Himself? (20:2)
- * 6. What are we commanded not to put before God? (20:3)
- * 7. What did God tell us not to make? (20:4)
 - 8. What is the consequence of bowing before false gods? (20:5)
 - 9. To whom does God express His love? (20:6)
 - 10. How are we to consider using the name of the Lord? (20:7)
 - 11. How is the Sabbath to be honored? (20:8-11)
 - 12. What is the benefit of honoring parents? (20:12)
 - 13. How are we commanded to treat one another? (20:13-17)
 - 14. What did the people do when they saw thunder and lighting? (20:18)
 - 15. What did the people's fear cause them to say to Moses? (20:19)
 - 16. How did Moses respond to the Israelites' fear? (20:20)
 - 17. How much space did the people keep between themselves and Mount Sinai? (20:21)
 - 18. What did God tell Moses to tell the Israelites? (20:22-23)
- * 19. How were the Israelites to honor God? (20:24)
 - 20. In what ways were the Israelites to act around God's altar? (20:25-26)

Get It

- 21. Why was God so specific in giving the Law?
- * 22. How do you think God feels when we worship things other than Him?
- 23. Why does God not want us to commit sins against Him and others?
- * 24. What people, things, and other loyalties sometimes captivate your attention more than God? 25. How can having a healthy fear of God keep a person from sinning?
 - 26. What do you think God feels when we don't want to hear from Him?
 - 27. How do we put space between us and God?
 - 28. Why is it important to honor and respect God when we come to Him in worship?

- * 29. What is one practical step you can take to honor God this week?
 - 30. How can worshiping God change your life today?

Servants and Injuries - Exodus 21:1-36

Topics: Arguments, Conflict, Consequences, Justice, Law, Restitution

Open It

- 1. What is the most unjust law you can think of?
- * 2. Why is restitution important when someone is killed or injured?
 - 3. In your opinion what are the pros and cons of people's suing one another?

Explore It

- 4. What did God tell Moses to set before the people of Israel? (21:1)
- 5. What happened to male slaves after six years? (21:2)
- 6. If a slave had a family, what kind of options did he have? (21:3-6)
- 7. What were the laws for handling female slaves? (21:7-8)
- 8. What were the laws regarding female slaves' marital rights? (21:9-11)
- 9. If one man killed another, what was the consequence? (21:12)
- * 10. What happened if someone was accidently killed? (21:13)
 - 11. Where was a murderer to be put to death? (21:14)
 - 12. What was the consequence of attacking parents? (21:15)
 - 13. What was the penalty for kidnapping? (21:16)
 - 14. What happened if a person cursed his or her father or mother? (21:17)
- * 15. How were injuries from fistfights supposed to be handled? (21:18-19)
 - 16. What happened if a slave was beaten? (21:20-21)
 - 17. If a pregnant woman was seriously injured, what were the consequences? (21:22-25)
 - 18. What happened when slaves got an injured eye or tooth? (21:26-27)
 - 19. How were bull gorings supposed to be handled? (21:28-32)
- * 20. If an ox or donkey fell into a pit, how was the owner compensated? (21:33-34)
 - 21. How did the law say to handle bull fights? (21:35-36)

Get It

- 22. What about conflict made these laws necessary?
- * 23. Why did God give so many specific laws regarding restitution?
- * 24. Why is God interested in conflicts being handled fairly?
 - 25. What are the similarites between God's laws and civil laws?
 - 26. What are the differences between God's laws and civil laws?
 - 27. In what cases might we be justified in suing a person?
 - 28. Why does God deal with murder and injuries with such harsh penalties?
 - 29. How does God feel about the way we treat our parents?
 - 30. What do these verses tell you about God's commitment to justice?

- 31. What is a practical way you can honor your parents this week?
- 32. What do you want to remember the next time you have the opportunity to judge or help settle a conflict?
- * 33. With whom do you need to make amends, and what can you say or do to carry this out?

Property and Social Responsibility - Exodus 22:1-31

Topics: Giving, Oppressed, Possessions, Quarrels, Restitution, Stealing

Open It

- * 1. How does it feel to lend a prized possession to someone and receive it back broken or damaged?
- 2. When was the first time you remember mourning a pet's death?

Explore It

- 3. What was the penalty for stealing an ox or sheep? (22:1)
- 4. In what circumstances was a person not liable for killing a thief? (22:2-3)
- * 5. The owners of destroyed fields were given restitution in what ways? (22:5-6)
 - 6. What happened when valuables were lost or stolen? (22:7-8)
 - 7. If there was a dispute about lost possessions, how was it to be handled? (22:9)
- * 8. If something went wrong in caring for a neighbor's animal, what was the neighbor to do? (22:10-13)
- * 9. How was restitution made for borrowed animals? (22:14-15)
 - 10. How were victims of seduction to be treated? (22:16-17)
 - 11. What happened to people who practiced sorcery? (22:18)
 - 12. People who had sex with animals were punished in what way? (22:19)
 - 13. What was the penalty for sacrificing to false gods? (22:20)
 - 14. Why were strangers not to be oppressed? (22:21)
 - 15. How were widows and orphans to be treated? (22:22-24)
 - 16. What were the conditions for lending money to a fellow Hebrew? (22:25-27)
 - 17. Who was not supposed to blaspheme God or government officials? (22:28)
 - 18. How were offerings to be made? (22:28-30)
 - 19. Why were Hebrews not to eat animals that had been killed by wild beasts? (22:31)

Get It

- * 20. In what ways did God protect the possessions and property of His people?
- * 21. What kinds of conflicts happen when possessions are borrowed?
 - 22. Why do you think God was concerned for His people's possessions?
 - 23. Why does God want us to care for widows and orphans?
 - 24. What importance did animals play in the lives of the Israelites?
 - 25. Why are foreigners sometimes discriminated against in our society?
 - 26. Why do we sometimes treat material things with greater care than people?

Apply It

* 27. What is a practical way you can repay someone for an item you broke or lost? 28. How can you help a person from another country?

Various Laws and Festivals - Exodus 23:1-33

Topics: Angels, Honesty, Integrity, Oaths, Obedience, Truth, Worship

Open It

- * 1. What is your favorite kind of celebration?
 - 2. When was a time you were accused of something you didn't do?
 - 3. What would you be willing to do for one million dollars?

Explore It

- 4. How was a person to act on the witness stand? (23:1-3)
- 5. How were the animals of an enemy to be treated? (23:4-5)
- 6. What will God not tolerate? (23:6-7)
- 7. What does God think of bribes? (23:8)
- 8. How were the Israelites to treat foreigners? (23:9)
- 9. What kind of rest did God want the Israelites to enjoy? (23:10-12)
- 10. What were the Israelites to be careful to do? (23:13)
- * 11. What three feasts were the Israelites to celebrate each year? (23:14-17)
 - 12. How were the offerings to be prepared? (23:18-19)
 - 13. Whom did God send to the Israelites to guard them? (23:20)
 - 14. What did God tell the Israelites about listening to the angel? (23:21-22)
 - 15. Where was the angel going to lead the Israelites? (23:23)
- * 16. What did God specifically tell the Israelites not to do? (23:24)
- * 17. If the Israelites worshiped God alone, what would God do for them? (23:25-26)
 - 18. What would God do to the enemies of Israel? (23:27-30)
 - 19. Where were the borders that God would establish for Israel? (23:31)
 - 20. Why did God tell the Israelites not to make covenants with other peoples? (23:32-33)

Get It

- 21. What is the penalty for lying on the witness stand in our society?
- 22. Why does God put such a premium on honesty?
- 23. In what different ways do people accept bribes today?
- * 24. How important is regular worship in the life of a believer?
- * 25. In what ways do we benefit when we worship God?
 - 26. Why do you think God uses angels to carry out some of His work?
 - 27. For what reason did God continually remind Israel of their covenant?
 - 28. What kinds of things lead people away from a relationship with God in today's modern world?

- * 29. What concrete step can you take to worship God in a creative way?
 - 30. How can your life be an offering to God this week?
 - 31. What do you need to say or not say on a more regular basis in order to be honest and just with everyone?

The Covenant Confirmed - Exodus 24:1-18

Topics: Covenant, Glory, Law, Obedience, Worship

Open It

- 1. What is the most amazing act of nature you've ever seen?
- 2. How do you feel about people who don't keep their promises?
- * 3. When you were a little kid, what did your parents teach you about obedience?

Explore It

- 4. Whom did God tell to come up and worship Him? (24:1)
- 5. Who was not supposed to come up to worship with Moses? (24:2)
- * 6. How did all of Israel respond to hearing God's laws? (24:3)
 - 7. What did Moses and the young Israelite men do to worship God? (24:4-6)
- * 8. What did Moses read to the people of Israel? (24:7)
 - 9. What did Moses say when he sprinkled blood on the people? (24:8)
 - 10. Who went with Moses to see God? (24:9)
- 11. What happened when Moses and the elders went to see God? (24:10-11)
- * 12. What did the Lord say He was going to give Moses? (24:12)
 - 13. Who was Moses' aide? (24:13)
 - 14. What did Moses tell the elders of Israel? (24:14)
 - 15. What happened when Moses went up on the mountain? (24:15-16)
 - 16. How long did the clouds cover the mountain? (24:16)
 - 17. What happened on the seventh day? (24:16)
 - 18. What did the glory of the Lord look like to the Israelites? (24:17)
 - 19. How long did Moses stay on the mountain with God? (24:18)

Get It

- 20. How would you have felt if Moses asked you to go up to the mountain?
- 21. Why is it important to worship God with other people?
- * 22. How are knowing God's Word and worship related?
 - 23. How do you think Joshua felt being chosen as Moses' aide?
 - 24. How did Moses live a life-style of obedience to the Lord?
- 25. How would you feel seeing the glory of the Lord as the Israelites did?
- * 26. How does worshiping God change or help us?

- 27. What is a specific passage in God's Word you can read and think about to help you worship Him?
- * 28. Who is someone you can worship God with?
 - 29. What time of the week is best for you to spend time praying and worshiping God alone?

The Tabernacle - Exodus 25:1-27:21

Topics: Craftsmanship, Faithfulness, Jobs, Plans, Work

Open It

- 1. What is the best thing you've ever made with your own hands?
- 2. What types of feelings are associated with a job well done?
- * 3. How do people benefit when they work well in teams?

Explore It

- 4. What types of offerings did the Lord want the Israelites to bring to Him? (25:1-7)
- * 5. What did the Lord want the Israelites to make for Him? (25:8-9)
- 6. How was the ark of the Lord to be designed? (25:10-20)
- 7. What was to go in the ark of the Lord? (25:21-22)
- 8. How is the construction of the table of the Lord described? (25:23-30)
- 9. What is the design of the lampstand of the Lord? (25:31-40)
- 10. Out of what were the curtains of the tabernacle to be made? (26:1-14)
- 11. How were the frames of the tabernacle constructed? (26:15-29)
- * 12. How would the Israelites know how to set up the tabernacle? (26:30)
 - 13. What was the curtain made by a craftsman intended to separate? (26:31-33)
 - 14. Where were the table and lampstand to be placed in the tabernacle? (26:35)
 - 15. Out of what was the curtain at the entrance of the tabernacle to be made? (26:36-37)
 - 16. How was the altar to be made? (27:1-8)
 - 17. How are the various areas of the tabernacle courtyard described? (27:9-19)
 - 18. What was used to keep the tabernacle lamps burning? (27:20)
- * 19. What were Aaron and his sons commanded to do? (27:21)

Get It

- 20. How did the people of Israel benefit by working together on all these projects?
- 21. What are ways Christians can make a difference by working together?
- * 22. How is work a form of worship?
 - 23. Who benefited by the construction of the tabernacle?
 - 24. What did the tabernacle provide for the people of Israel?
 - 25. What are the difficulties people encounter when working together?
- * 26. Why don't some people receive much satisfaction from their work?
 - 27. How was it possible for Israel to be successful in making the tabernacle?

- * 28. How can your work be an act of worship to God?
 - 29. What can you do to improve a relationship with someone at work over the next few weeks?

The Priests - Exodus 28:1-29:46

Topics: Appearance, Mediator, Representatives, Sacrifice, Traditions

Open It

- * 1. What do you do to prepare for someone important coming to your home?
 - 2. With what popular clothing fashions have you ever tried to keep up?
 - 3. How can looking good on the outside hide what's on the inside?

Explore It

- * 4. Who was chosen by God to serve as priests? (28:1)
 - 5. What were the priests supposed to wear? (28:2-5)
 - 6. How was the ephod designed? (28:6-14)
 - 7. Out of what was the breastpiece made? (28:15-28)
 - 8. When Aaron entered the Holy Place, what was the purpose of the breastpiece? (28:29-30)
 - 9. How is Aaron's robe described? (28:31-34)
 - 10. What purpose did the bells on Aaron's robe serve? (28:35)
 - 11. What types of clothing did the priests wear? (28:36-43)
 - 12. How were Aaron and his sons ordained as priests? (29:1-9)
- * 13. How was a sin offering made? (29:10-14)
 - 14. How was one of the rams sacrificed as a pleasing aroma to the Lord? (29:15-18)
 - 15. What happened to the other ram in the sacrifice? (29:19-28)
 - 16. How are Aaron's garments to be passed down to other generations? (29:29-30)
 - 17. How was the ram for Aaron's ordination to be eaten? (29:31-34)
 - 18. What was the end result of the altar after Aaron's ordination? (29:35-37)
 - 19. How is the daily offering on the altar described? (29:38-41)
 - 20. What would happen when these offerings were made regularly? (29:42-43)
- * 21. How did God describe his relationship with the Israelites? (29:44-46)

Get It

- 22. How did the quality of priestly garments reflect who God is?
- 23. What was God's purpose in selecting priests to serve Him for the people?
- * 24. How did the priests' clothing set them apart from the rest of the Israelites?
- 25. How did the daily offering keep the Israelites in relationship with God?
- 26. What is the role of pastors and priests in today's church?
- 27. How has our Christian faith been passed down through the centuries?
- 28. What traditions are critical to our Christian faith today?
- 29. In what way can important traditions become meaningless?
- 30. Who has taken the place of bulls and rams as a sin offering for God?
- * 31. How does the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for our sin bring us closer to God?

- * 32. In what small way this week can you remember or celebrate Christ's sacrifice for you?
 - 33. What is a specific way you can be set apart for God's purposes?
 - 34. How can you keep Christ at the center of every Christian tradition?

Laws for the Priests and for Worship - Exodus 30:1-38

Topics: Atonement, Holiness, Honor, Instructions, Money

Open It

- * 1. How much money would you pay as ransom if a loved one was kidnapped?
 - 2. How can perfume make a person more attractive?
 - 3. What are some famous sacred places of worship in today's world?

Explore It

- 4. For what was the altar to be used? (30:1)
- 5. How was the altar to be designed? (30:2-5)
- 6. Where was the altar supposed to be placed? (30:6)
- * 7. When was Aaron to offer incense on the altar? (30:7-10)
- * 8. What was the purpose of offering atonement money to the Lord? (30:11-16)
- 9. Why did God want Moses to make a washing basin for the priests? (30:17-21)
- * 10. Why was anointing oil used in the tabernacle? (30:22-29)
- 11. Why was the anointing oil to be used only for Aaron and his sons? (30:30-33)
- 12. Who made the holy incense? (30:34-35)
- 13. Where was the incense placed? (30:36)
- 14. Why were the people not to make the Lord's incense for themselves? (30:37)
- 15. What happened to people who made incense like the Lord's incense? (30:38)

Get It

- 16. What do most people think of when they hear the word holy?
- 17. What church denominations use incense as an offering to the Lord?
- * 18. In what ways can money not buy everything we might want?
- * 19. How can we use money as an offering to the Lord?
 - 20. How does our use of money reveal our character and values?
 - 21. What does our use of money show about us?
 - 22. How are the tabernacle washing basin and Christian baptism similar in what they symbolize?
 - 23. What are certain religious symbols that help deepen our faith in Christ?

- * 24. How can you give thanks to Jesus for His atonement for your sin?
 - 25. In what ways can you use your money as an offering to God this week?
 - 26. What attitudes can you have today that would be like a pleasing fragrance to God?

Bezalel, Oholiab, and the Sabbath - Exodus 31:1-18

Topics: Administration, Craftsmanship, Holiness, Rest, Traditions

Open It

- 1. What is the worst thing about getting ignored for hard work?
- 2. What are the reasons people get promoted?
- * 3. What do you do on Sundays?

Explore It

- 4. Whom did God choose to be the chief builder of the tabernacle? (31:1-2)
- 5. How is Bezalel described as a person? (31:3)
- 6. What jobs was Bezalel to perform? (31:4-5)
- 7. Who was appointed to help Bezalel? (31:6)
- 8. What were the craftsmen supposed to make? (31:7-11)
- * 9. What did the Lord tell Moses to observe? (31:12-13)
- * 10. Why were the Israelites to observe the Sabbath? (31:14)
- 11. What happened to people who worked on the Sabbath? (31:15)
- * 12. How was the Sabbath a sign between God and the Israelites? (31:16-17)
 - 13. What were the tablets given to Moses from the Lord? (31:18)

Get It

- * 14. What are signs of people being addicted to work?
 - 15. How can you tell when someone is addicted to working too much?
 - 16. How does rest provide us with new ways to grow as Christians?
 - 17. What is the tension between working too much and resting too little?
 - 18. How important is it to honor God on the Sabbath?
- * 19. How do you balance your life between work and rest?
 - 20. Why is it important to include others in building God's kingdom?
 - 21. What happens to people who try to take on too many responsibilities?
 - 22. What difference does it make that God told His people to rest?

- 23. How can you honor God this week by resting or taking a break from work?
- * 24. What do you need to do today to develop a proper balance between work and rest?

The Golden Calf - Exodus 32:1-33:6

Topics: Anger, Disobedience, Idolatry, Sin, Stubbornness, Unfaithfulness

Open It

- 1. Who were some of the most worshiped musicians in your younger years? today?
- 2. When was a time you made an impulsive decision that turned out to be foolish?
- * 3. What are some modern-day idols you see people worshiping?

Explore It

- 4. What did the people say when Moses took so long to come down from the mountain? (32:1)
- * 5. What did Aaron do with all the people's gold? (32:2-4)
- * 6. What happened after Aaron built an altar for the golden calf? (32:5-6)
 - 7. When the Lord saw what had happened, what did He say to Moses? (32:7-10)
 - 8. How did Moses respond to the Lord's anger? (32:11-13)
 - 9. How did the Lord relent His anger? (32:14)
- 10. What kind of sound did Joshua say he heard in the camp? (32:17)
- * 11. What happened to the calf when Moses returned to camp? (32:19-20)
 - 12. What did Moses ask Aaron? (32:21)
 - 13. How did Aaron respond to Moses? (32:22-24)
 - 14. When Moses saw the people out of control, what did he say? (32:25-27)
 - 15. What did the Levites do, as Moses commanded? (32:28-29)
 - 16. What did Moses say to the people? (32:30)
 - 17. How did Moses ask the Lord to forgive the people's sin? (32:31-32)
 - 18. How did the Lord punish the people? (32:33-35)
 - 19. Where did God say He would lead Moses? (33:1-2)
 - 20. What did God call the Israelites? (33:3)

Get It

- 21. How can stubbornness cause us to make bad decisions?
- * 22. What type of emotions do you think Moses felt when he saw the calf?
 - 23. Why is it easy to forget what the Lord has done for us?
 - 24. How was God justified for being angry at the Israelites?
 - 25. In what ways did Aaron fail as a leader?
- * 26. What are ways that people worship people or things they've made instead of Jesus Christ?
 - 27. How did Moses remain a courageous leader in the midst of discouragement?
 - 28. How did God remain faithful to His promise even though the people sinned?

- 29. What can you do to follow Christ instead of a crowd?
- * 30. What person or thing do you need to confess to God as having been an idol?

Moses and God - Exodus 33:7-23

Topics: Friendship, Glory, Promises, Relationships, Renewal, Rest

Open It

- * 1. When you are frustrated or discouraged, what makes you feel better?
 - 2. What do you do to get renewed after a stressful period of life?
 - 3. What friends do you enjoy being with, and what's so enjoyable about their company?

Explore It

- 4. Where did Moses go to meet with the Lord? (33:7-8)
- 5. What would happen when Moses went into the tent? (33:9)
- 6. How would the people respond when Moses went into the tent? (33:10)
- 7. How would God speak to Moses? (33:11)
- * 8. How did Moses express his frustration to the Lord? (33:12-13)
 - 9. How did the Lord respond to Moses' plea for guidance? (33:14)
- * 10. In what way was the Lord's presence critical to Moses' plea? (33:15-16)
 - 11. What did the Lord say to Moses concerning their relationship? (33:17)
 - 12. What incredible request did Moses make of God? (33:18)
- * 13. How did the Lord respond to Moses' request? (33:19)
 - 14. What did the Lord tell Moses he could not see? (33:20)
 - 15. Where did God tell Moses to stand? (33:21)
 - 16. How did the Lord cover Moses when He passed by? (33:22)
 - 17. What did the Lord allow Moses to see? (33:23)

Get It

- 18. How did the Lord show His faithfulness to Moses?
- 19. How do you think Moses felt knowing that God considered him a friend?
- * 20. How was Moses able to be honest with God about how he felt?
- 21. What are ways we seek rest other than from the Lord?
- * 22. How can God's presence give you perspective in your struggles?
 - 23. How is the almighty God a friend to you?
 - 24. What do you think Moses felt when God showed him His glory?
 - 25. In what ways is it easy to get discouraged while following the Lord?
 - 26. How can other Christian friends make a difference when you're sad or depressed?
 - 27. How would you respond to God if He were to say, "I'm pleased with you"?
 - 28. How does it make you feel to know that God knows you by name?

Apply It

29. What is a particular act or deed you can do to rest in the Lord's presence each day this week?

* 30. How can you give God your frustrations and struggles today?

New Stone Tablets - Exodus 34:1-35

Topics: Compassion, Covenant, Jealousy, Obedience, Worship

Open It

- 1. What is the most dangerous situation you have ever been in?
- * 2. Who is someone who helped you during one of your biggest blunders?
 - 3. When you're finishing an important project, what distracts you most?

Explore It

- 4. What did God ask Moses to do after the first set of stone tablets broke? (34:1)
- 5. What directions did God give Moses about coming to Mount Sinai? (34:2-3)
- 6. What did the Lord do when Moses followed His instructions? (34:4-5)
- * 7. How did God proclaim to Moses who He was? (34:6-7)
 - 8. What was Moses' response to God's proclamation? (34:8-9)
 - 9. What did God say He would do for the Israelites? (34:10-11)
 - 10. What did God say to the Israelites about making treaties? (34:12)
- 11. Why were the Israelites not to worship other gods? (34:13-14)
- * 12. What did God tell Moses about foreign idols? (34:15-17)
 - 13. In what way was Moses told to celebrate feasts? (34:18-23)
- * 14. What was the blessing associated with celebrating feasts? (34:24)
 - 15. What other instructions did God give Moses concerning offerings? (34:25-26)
 - 16. What were the words of the covenant called? (34:27-28)
 - 17. What was Moses not aware of when he came down the mountain? (34:29)
 - 18. Who was afraid of Moses? (34:30-31)
 - 19. What happened after Moses finished speaking to all the Israelites? (34:32-35)

Get It

- 20. How do you feel when you talk to God about the same problem over and over?
- 21. Why doesn't God ever tire of our repentance and dependence on Him for forgiveness?
- 22. How would you have felt if you were Moses returning for a second set of tablets?
- 23. How are people reluctant to ask for forgiveness?
- * 24. How do people in our society show compassion?
 - 25. What makes people stand in awe of heroic believers such as Mother Teresa?
 - 26. What was it about Moses' radiance that made people afraid of him?
- * 27. How does it make you feel knowing that God is jealous for you?
 - 28. In what way can a Christian reflect God's glory to others?

- * 29. With what prayer could you accept God's compassion and love for you?
 - 30. How can you demonstrate the grace of God in your life?
 - 31. In what area of life can you make your life reflect God to others?

Materials for the Tabernacle - Exodus 35:1-38:31

Topics: Craftsmanship, Faithfulness, Knowledge, Possessions, Teaching, Work

Open It

- 1. How have you tried to make something that you knew absolutely nothing about?
- * 2. Who was your favorite teacher growing up? Why?
 - 3. What is the most fascinating work of architecture you have ever seen?

Explore It

- 4. What did Moses tell Israel about the Sabbath after they assembled? (35:1-3)
- 5. How did Moses separate the work to be done for the tabernacle? (35:4-10)
- 6. What needed to be made for the tabernacle? (35:11-19)
- 7. What was the attitude of the people who brought an offering to the Lord? (35:20-29)
- * 8. What types of abilities did God give Bezalel? (35:30-35)
- * 9. Who was Oholiab? (35:34-35)
 - 10. What problem was created as a result of the people's generous offerings? (36:1-7)
- 11. How is the construction of the tabernacle described? (36:8-38)
- * 12. Who made the ark of the covenant? (37:1-9)
 - 13. What types of materials were used to make the table? (37:10-16)
 - 14. What were the physical characteristics of the golden lampstand? (37:17-24)
 - 15. How was the altar of incense made? (37:25-29)
 - 16. What was unique about the construction of the altar of burnt offering? (38:1-8)
 - 17. How is the tabernacle courtyard described? (38:9-20)
 - 18. How many different materials were used to make the tabernacle? (38:21-31)

Get It

- 19. Why did God not choose Moses to build the tabernacle?
- 20. What attitudes did the Israelites demonstrate in their giving?
- * 21. How can using our skills and abilities be a way to worship the Lord?
 - 22. In what ways did the Israelites show their faithfulness to God?
 - 23. How did the people's generosity actually cause a problem?
- 24. What makes people reluctant to be generous in giving to God's work?
- * 25. How is teaching critical to developing skills and abilities?
 - 26. What are the characteristics of a good teacher?
 - 27. In what ways does God honor hard work?

- * 28. How can you use your talents for God's kingdom this week?
 - 29. What can you do to be generous with the resources God has given you?
 - 30. What type of attitudes can help you to worship God in your work this week?

Priestly Garments and Setting Up the Tabernacle - Exodus 39:1-40:38

Topics: Craftsmanship, Glory, Instructions, Tasks, Teamwork

Open It

- 1. What is the greatest victory you have ever experienced?
- * 2. How are failure and success related to teamwork?
 - 3. Why are athletes disqualified when they break the rules?

Explore It

- 4. What did the people make for ministering in the sanctuary? (39:1)
- 5. How was the ephod fashioned? (39:2-7)
- 6. The skilled craftsman made the breastpiece in what way? (39:8-21)
- 7. What is the description of the priestly garments besides the ephod and breastpiece? (39:22-31)
- * 8. What was the result of all the Israelites' hard work? (39:32)
- * 9. What did the Israelites bring for Moses to inspect? (39:33-41)
- * 10. Why did Moses bless the Israelites? (39:42-43)
 - 11. When did God tell Moses to set up the tabernacle? (40:1-2)
 - 12. Where did God tell Moses to place the tabernacle elements? (40:3-8)
 - 13. What was Moses told to do with the anointing oil? (40:9-11)
 - 14. How were Aaron and his sons prepared for the priesthood? (40:12-16)
 - 15. How did Moses set up the tabernacle? (40:17-19)
 - 16. Where did Moses place the Testimony? (40:20-21)
 - 17. Where did Moses place the remaining elements of the tabernacle? (40:22-33)
 - 18. What happened after Moses finished setting up the tabernacle? (40:34-35)
 - 19. How did God guide the Israelites in all their travels? (40:36-38)

Get It

- 20. What are some of the benefits of good teamwork?
- 21. Do people work best as individuals or in groups?
- 22. What was the result of the Israelites' giving to the work of the tabernacle?
- * 23. Why do some teams fail to accomplish their purpose?
 - 24. How did Moses follow God's instructions for setting up the tabernacle?
 - 25. How would you have felt to receive Moses' blessing for your hard work?
 - 26. What are ways people miss out on receiving God's blessings?
- * 27. How does God want the church today to work as a team?
 - 28. What type of message is sent to the world when Christians work together?

- * 29. What can you do to be a good "team player" with other believers?
 - 30. How can you bless someone else this week by serving him or her?