

Week 10 Family Letter

God's People Worship in God's House:

The Tabernacle Is Built

(Exodus 35-36)

God said to Moses, "Tell the people to make Me a house. It will be a tent. It will be their church, where they will worship. Call it the tabernacle."

Moses told the people about God's house. They were so excited! God would be right there with them! The people brought gifts to make the tabernacle. They brought gold and jewels. They brought fine cloth, leather, and silver. They brought colored thread, spices, and oil.

The people made special furniture for God's house. They made a curtain, tables, and lamps. They made an altar and a special box to store the Ten Commandments inside. It was called the ark of the covenant.

The people finished God's house. The people worshiped God. They knew God was with them. They knew He loved them. God is with us. God loves us. We can go to church to worship God and receive His gifts to us. He gives us life through His Word.

Bible Words

[Jesus said,] "I am with
you always."

Matthew 28:20

Dear Family,

In the month of November, we remember the many blessings God has graciously bestowed upon us. We usually remember to give thanks for things like food, family, and friends. This week, your child will return thanks for God being with us. God is with us in His Word and Sacraments! God gives us many good and gracious gifts, but the best one is the gift of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

So go ahead and thank God for your home and the wonderful people and things inside your home, but also take time to thank God for *His* home, your place of worship. Like a host welcoming his guests to his home and a banquet table prepared, God welcomes us to His holy house. God offers us a heavenly feast! God gives *us* gifts at His home, and we enjoy our time with other members of our family (brothers and sisters in Christ).

Have your child point to the object in the child's hands. What is he bringing for God's house? (Jewelry) Give your child a gold or silver crayon to color it in. God's people brought gifts to God. We bring offerings to church too. We want the best for the Lord. Most important, however, God gave His best to us when Jesus died on the cross. Because of Jesus, we have forgiveness and eternal life. Praise God for His great gift to us! Read the story on page 121 of *The Story Bible* together.

