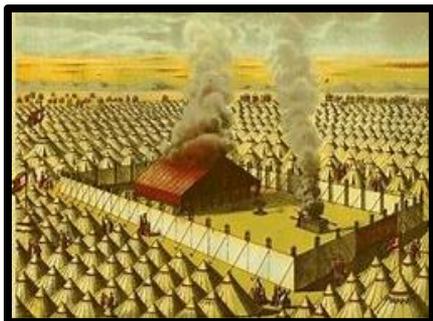




**FAITHFUL LIGHT CHURCH**  
**Pastors: Dennis & Diane Gordon**

**THE TABERNACLE #2**  
**JESUS MY HEALER**

Ex 30:18-21; 38:1-8; Num 2:1-34; Lev 1:1-7:38; 9:24



**GOD'S PURPOSE FOR ME**

**I WILL OPEN MY TENT EVERY MORNING AND NIGHT  
TO MEET JESUS MY HEALER  
WHO GIVES HEALTH & NEW LIFE**

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK:** *Repeat 2x with Congregation*

***1 John 1:9** "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

**INTRODUCTION:** Moses built a Tabernacle because God wanted to come and live among His people. The Israelites gave all they had for God's Tabernacle and God gave them all the wisdom and skills they needed to obey His call. The clean linen curtain shows us that Jesus clothes us in His own righteousness and that we are clean and forgiven because of our faith in the Lord Jesus. The Lord Jesus loves you, and made a way for you to be healed and whole in every way.

**ORDER OF SERVICE:**

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| 1. Light Candles & Pray        | 4. Dismiss Kids to Noah's Ark with 'Animals Go Marching Song' |                                 |
| 2. Children's Songs/Story      | 5. Adult Fellowship Break                                     | 7. Bible Lesson & Group Prayer  |
| 3. Intro Gospel Craft/Coloring | 6. Worship Song Set   | 8. Blessing Songs & Benediction |

**OBJECTS TO BRING:** Hand Mirror, Bible, Blanket to make a Tent, Flashlight

## 2. CHILDREN' STORY: Maxy's Leg



Maxy lived out in the country next to a small dairy, and had fun playing hide and seek in the cow pasture with the neighbor kids. The cows were gentle, but they had to be careful to watch out for those cow pies! After a fun day, it was getting late so Maxy said good-bye and hurried home.

When he went to wash up for dinner Maxy noticed a cut on his arm and told his mother, “I must have cut my arm when I was playing today.” “That’s a very dirty cut and I’m going to have to clean it.” Mother said as she got the first aid kit. “Now, hold very still, Maxy, while I clean your arm, it’s going to hurt a little.” Maxy looked at her with his eyes as big as saucers, and bit his lip as she poured peroxide over it and he watched the bubbles. “There,” Mother said, “Now there are no more germs,” then she bandaged Maxy’s arm so it would stay nice and clean. Each time his mother cleaned the arm and changed the bandage it felt better, and after a few days he could go out and play – all clean and happy again!

One day Maxy was out running in the pasture and this time he got a cut on his leg. He remembered how much it hurt when his mother cleaned the cut on his arm, so he decided not to tell her this time and just put a big band aid on it. The next night Maxy’s leg was hot and hurting but he still hid his wound, and didn’t tell anyone about it. By the end of the week Maxy’s teacher at school noticed he was limping and sent him in to see the school nurse. When the nurse pulled off the big band aid she said, “Oh dear, your leg is so infected, I will have to call your mother to take you to the hospital.” When Maxy’s mother arrived she said, “If you had told me I could have cleansed the wound and it would have been healed already, but now this is a serious infection that will take a long time to heal.”

Hiding a wound that gets infected is like hiding a sin. If you hide your sin, your heart will get infected. Jesus tells us to confess our sins, so He can cleanse our hearts to keep us clean and happy!



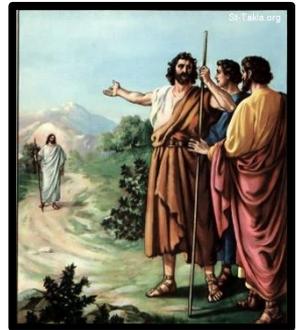
#### **4. BLOOD SACRIFICES WERE A SUBSTITUTE UNTIL JESUS CAME TO SHED HIS OWN BLOOD ONCE FOR ALL**

Leviticus 1:1-7:38 God gave specific details for how the offerings were to be made in the same way year after year until the coming of the Lord to offer up Himself as the sacrifice once for all.



Hebrews 10:3-4 & 9-14 “But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins, 4 because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins...9 Then He said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will. He sets aside the first to establish the second. 10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when this priest (Jesus) had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God. 13 Since that time He waits for His enemies to make His footstool, 14 because by one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.”

A man who sinned would bring a perfect spotless lamb to the priest and tie it to one of the horns of the altar. There were four horns on the altar to show that the wonderful gospel would go to the four corners of the earth. Next the man would lay his hands on the head of the lamb and confess his sins that were transferred to the Lamb. Then the innocent lamb that had never done anything wrong had to be killed. The priest would catch the blood in a bowl and pour the blood out beside the altar, like the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God, was poured out for our sins at the cross.



John 1:29 “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

**5. GOD'S COVENANT TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE HAS NOT CHANGED, ONLY THE BLOOD HAS CHANGED, NOW BEING A NEW COVENANT IN HIS OWN BLOOD.**



*1 Peter 1:18-19 “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; **but with the precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: **who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.**”*

Jesus is the same God as He always was, who became visible in a body of flesh, to become the sacrifice for sin. The blood of the covenant is still required, but the blood changed from the blood of lambs and bulls, to the blood of God our Savior, shed once for all.

*1 Timothy 3:16 “And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”*

God became flesh in His Son, to renew His covenant and give Himself as the sacrifice for sins, then He rose again to Heaven to prepare a place for you and me to live with Him forever!



*Daniel 9:27 “And **he shall confirm the covenant** with many for one week: and in the midst of the week **he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease...**”*

**Jesus came to confirm His covenant of salvation**, carrying the Gospel first to His people called Israel for one week of years. By shedding His own blood on the cross in the midst of that week, Jesus caused the old covenant of blood sacrifices to cease.

*Matthew 26:28 “For **this is my blood of the new testament**, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”*

## **6. GOD CAME IN THE LORD JESUS TO BE OUR HEALER**

**Romans 6:23** *“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

Jesus was the sinless Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world. The animal’s life was offered in place of the sinner, as a substitute until Jesus came.

**Leviticus 9:24** *“And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.”*

The people fell on their faces to praise and worship God because they saw that their sin was forgiven! Today, knowing that the Lord Jesus gave Himself as the sacrifice for our sin, should we not fall on our faces to praise and worship Him? We offer the sacrifice of a broken heart and humble spirit because of His merciful love for us!

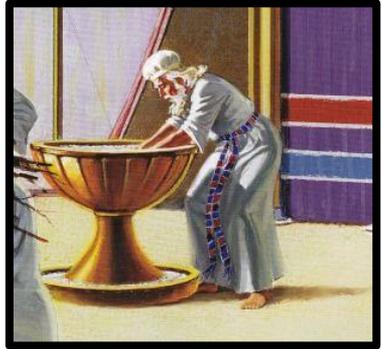
**Psalms 103:1-5** *“Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and **forget not all His benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s.**”*



We are sad that Jesus suffered and died on the cross for our sin, but happy because He paid the wages of sin, death, so that we can have eternal life, healing and wholeness! Sacrificing an innocent life for a guilty one is an ugly thing to do, but it shows us the terrible ugliness of sin, so we can visually see that the wages of our sin is death. Through faith in the One who died on the cross for us, we can be made whole and live forever with Him, so we enter His gates with thanksgiving and praise for the One who gave His all for us!

## **7. THE PRIEST COULD NOT ENTER THE HOLY PLACE WITHOUT WASHING IN THE LAVAR.**

**Exodus 30:18-21** The priest carried the blood of the sacrifice to sprinkle in the Holy Place of the Tabernacle, but before he could enter in, he must first wash in the water of the lavar. The Lavar was a washing bowl, with another bowl around its base for washing feet. It was made from the polished brass mirrors of the women, that were most precious gifts, that the women could offer to God. As the priest washed in the water, his image was reflected in the lavar. The water of the lavar is a picture of the word of God. **God wants you to read your Bible every day so that He is reflected in your life.** God wanted His people to always be reminded that their feet get dirty in the world and **we stand always in need of cleansing before our Holy God.** This is what Jesus referred to when He washed His disciple's feet:



**John 13:8** *“Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.”*



How do you feel when you've been very dirty and then have a nice warm bath or shower? It feels wonderful, doesn't it. How long does it take to come clean? Just as soon as you wash! That's how wonderful it is with Jesus. **If we will not come to Jesus for washing we have no part with Him, but we can go to Jesus dirtier than dirty, confess our sins, and as quick as that, He washes us cleaner than clean!** It is a wonderful feeling to have all our sins washed away, but we must come to wash!

**Isaiah 1:18** *“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”*

## 8. READING THE WORD OF GOD CLEANSSES US



In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, God called His word, "the water of the word", referring back to the mandatory washing before coming into the presence of the Lord, that was pictured by the priests washing in the lavar that was to continue for all generations.

*Ephesians 5:25-27 "...even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."*

*John 15:3 "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."*

God is faithful to keep you continually cleansed and holy before Him, but first we must come to the altar by faith. God is always faithful. I may not always be faithful but God is. No matter how I may fail or fall short of God's purpose for my life, He is faithful. I can miss out on God's plan by not coming to the altar, either by arrogantly passing over mistakes without repentance, or by being too ashamed of my sin to come in to the presence of the Lord. Either action leads me away from the loving light of God's presence that will illuminate my way. God's desire is that you walk so closely with Him that when you find you have detoured down your own path, you immediately come to the altar of His grace.

*2 Corinthians 3:18 "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."*

**As you wash in the water of God's word, His image is reflected in you as His presence fills your life!**



## **9. GOD GAVE US AN ORDER OF WORSHIP TO FOLLOW, REVEALED IN THE PICTURE OF THE TABERNACLE.**

The priests washing in the lavar as well as the daily offering of sacrifice, was not a “one time deal” for God’s people of old and it is not a “one time deal” for God’s people today. Jesus sacrificing His own blood for sin was done once for all, but the service of the Tabernacle shows us the picture of coming before Him to be washed and offering up sacrifices that continues today.

*Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.”*

Jesus wants you to continually confess your sins at the altar of salvation with the sacrifice of a broken heart and humbled spirit, bringing praises to Him for all He has done for you, and wash in the living water of His word so that you may enter into the sanctuary of His very presence!



*Psalms 51:17 “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.”*

*Psalms 34:18 “The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.”*

God established an order for us to follow in entering into the Holy place of His presence in the service of the Tabernacle: We enter His gates with thanksgiving and praise, confess our sins at the altar of His sacrifice, wash in the water of His word, eat of the bread who gives us life, be filled with the Light of His Holy Spirit, offer up our prayers for all the saints as an odor of sweet incense to Him, and finally commune with Him before the Ark at the mercy seat, between the wings of the cherubim! God has such a special plan for your life! Come to Him each day for healing, and rest in the Holy place of His wonderful presence, coming out to start your day, living your life for the One who laid down His life that you might live!

## **10. GOD'S PURPOSE AND PLAN FOR ME**

1. Jesus wants me to always have the tent of my life facing toward Him, so He is the first thing I see every morning.
2. If I hide my sin, it will infect my whole life. Jesus wants me to confess my sin so I will be clean and free to meet with Him.
3. God wants me to set the tent of my heart always facing toward Him, so that He can order my steps
4. Jesus wants me to confess my sin upon Him, because He has carried all my sin and heals all my diseases.
5. Jesus came to renew His covenant with Israel for one week then shed His own blood for sins, causing blood sacrifice to cease.
6. God came in the Lord Jesus to be our Savior and Healer!
7. Even the priest could not enter into the presence of the Lord without washing in the Lavar every day: Jesus said to have part in Him, we must wash by confessing our sins every day before entering into the presence of the Lord in worship and prayer.
8. The word of God is like the Lavar made of mirrors, that shows us our sin and reflects the beauty of God's image back on us.
9. God established an order for us to follow in entering into the Holy place of His presence, in the service of the Tabernacle: We enter His gates with thanksgiving and praise, Confess our sins at the altar of His sacrifice, Wash in the water of His word, Eat of the bread who gives us life, Be filled with the Light of His Holy Spirit, Offer up our prayers as an odor of sweet incense, and linger with Him at the Ark between the wings of the cherabim.
10. God established a perfect order for entering into the sanctuary of His presence, so the beauty of His holiness will shine in me!

*Dear Father God, Thank you for coming to earth in the Lord Jesus, to die on the cross for my sins. Help me to get past the altar of dying to myself and rising up to new life in you. I confess my weaknesses to you Lord and lay them down. Help me to remember to wash in the water of your word every day, so I will know you and come to know the beauty of your holiness, as you reflected your own beauty and strength in me, for I ask **in Jesus name, Amen.***



## 11. GOSPEL CRAFT:      Tent and Family

### OBJECT VISUAL: Blanket, Card Table & Flashlight.

(Drape the blanket over the table and put the light inside, then introduce the craft by reading the words on the tent craft.)



**I Will Open My Tent  
Every Morning & Night  
To Meet Jesus, My Healer  
Who Gives Health  
and New Life!**

*A sanctuary is a secret place  
where I can be quiet and feel safe.  
When I am alone with Jesus, I can listen  
to what He wants to tell me.  
His presence will fill me with light, and  
light up the way that I should go.  
God's word says that my body is a temple  
or a sanctuary for God's Holy Spirit to live.  
I will keep my sanctuary clean so that  
nothing keeps me from being in God's  
wonderful presence.*

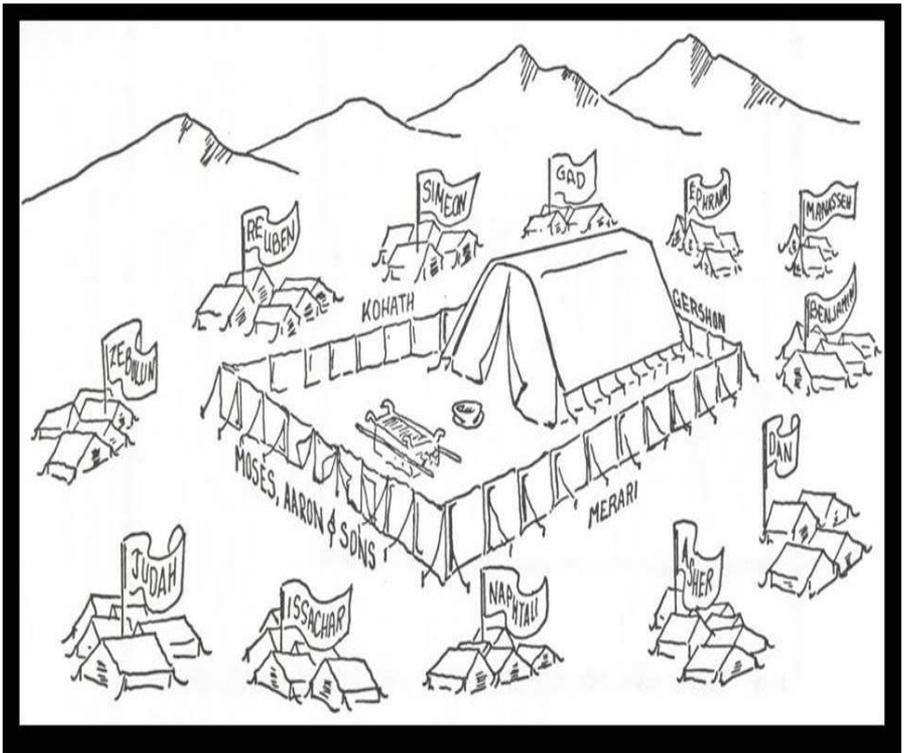
**Directions for Tent:** (Enlarge and copy onto white card stock)

1. Color and cut out Tent and Children.
2. Cut up the center of the tent flaps and fold flaps back.
3. Glue the body of the tent onto colored card stock.
4. Glue the children inside the tent and close the flaps.
5. Pretend you are living in the tent talking to Jesus.



## 12. THE 12 SONS OF ISRAEL CAMPED WITH THEIR TRIBES AROUND THE TABERNACLE. 1492 BC

*” Numbers 2:1-34 “And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, <sup>2</sup> Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father’s house.... <sup>3</sup> And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch...<sup>5</sup> And those that do pitch next unto him shall be the tribe of Issachar...<sup>7</sup> Then the tribe of Zebulun...<sup>10</sup> Reuben...Simeon...<sup>14</sup> Gad...<sup>18</sup> ... Ephraim...<sup>20</sup> Manasseh...<sup>22</sup> Benjamin...<sup>25</sup> ... Asher...<sup>29</sup> Then the tribe of Naphtali...Dan.”*



Everyone’s tent faced the Tabernacle, so that the first thing they saw every morning, and the last thing they saw every night was the presence of the Lord. I too, want to go to bed and wake up thinking about Jesus my healer every day!