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OUR TENT

We had mixed emotions taking the tent down for the last time... There were so many happy memories of children exploring inside it; eagerly touching, smelling, gazing at the items and asking questions. But now, the Tabernacle series was over and we were packing up our mini version of it for good.

Like most of our tent's furniture, the "covenant box" was made out of cardboard and spray-painted gold. But when John (aged 10) entered the most sacred part of the tent, where the box was located, he stayed there for a few minutes, looking around and thinking deeply. Then he told Teacher Claire: "The holy of holies is like the heart of God, where his presence dwells... Now God is inside us, our hearts have become the most holy place."

For two months the Sunday School teachers had been sharing how the Tabernacle was set up for the old covenant worship of God, and how we can have a new covenant relationship with Him through Jesus. So, it was a bit sad when the time came to switch off the battery-operated menorah candles, reminding us of Jesus – the light of the world, and share out the 12 loaves of freshly baked flat bread, remembering Jesus' words, "I am the bread of life!"

Once the coverings were removed and folded, the structure made of metal poles was dismantled and all the furnishings set aside.

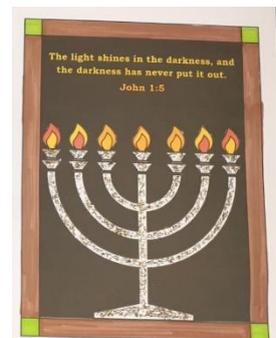


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One small boy looking at the many items on the grass, told his friend, "Moses must have been really strong!" Although he'd assumed Moses did all the carrying, setting up and taking down of the Tabernacle in the wilderness, in fact it's been estimated 8,000 men were involved in the process!

Whether or not you have plans that include putting up a tent this summer, may you know the constant presence of God dwelling within you.



Prayer Points:

- Thank God for the rich blessings which came from writing and teaching the Tabernacle series of Sunday School lessons.
- Thank God for the 100 children (aged 4 to 11) who come weekly to Sunday School. Ask that the faith experiences they have there will remain treasured in their young hearts and minds.
- Thank God for the parents who were willing to be given a guided tour of our tent by their children and for the conversations that took place between them.
- Remember the teachers involved in reworking the 9 lessons to create a Vacation Bible School (VBS) series from it called "God's Tent".