

Bible Stories for Young Children

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THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS

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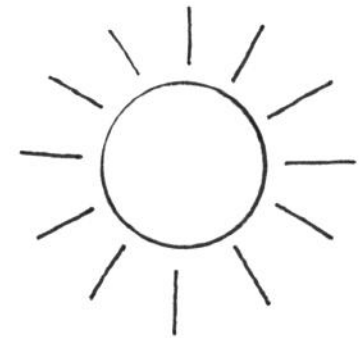
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**While Moses was on Mt Sinai
God showed him what the
glorious worship in heaven
was like.
It was the heavenly temple.**

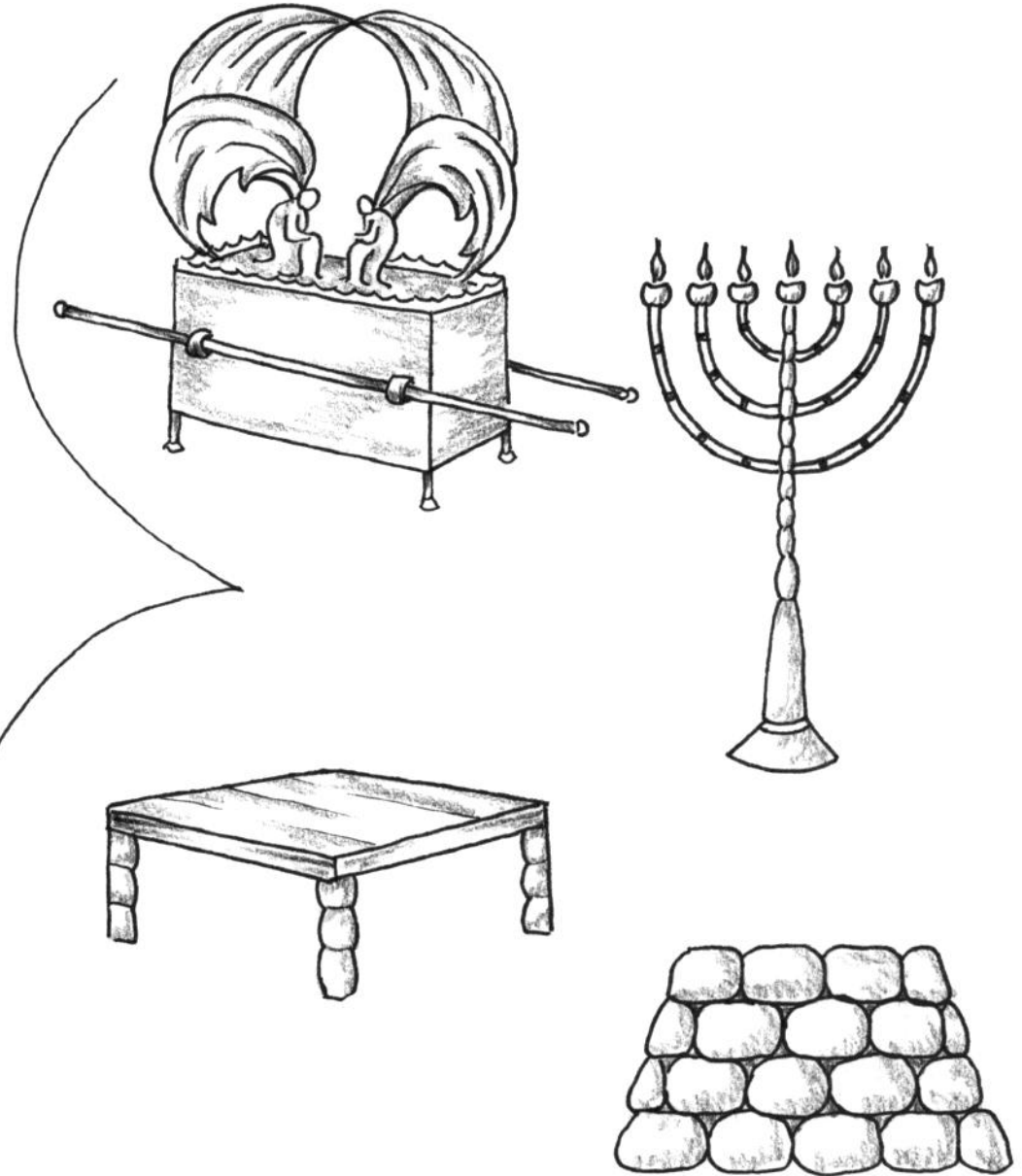


**Moses came down from the mountain
and said to the people,
'God wants you to bring
an offering to Him.
He wants you to make a tent,
a place where we can worship Him
and where He will reign as king.**

**'Bring gold, silver, bronze,
blue, purple and red material,
goat's hair, leather,
wood, oil and spices,
sweet smelling incense
and precious stones.**



**‘Come and make the place for worship,
just as God has shown us:
curtains with pictures of cherubims
on them,
a cover for the tent,
a covenant box,
its poles, and mercy seat,
a table,
a lampstand,
an altar of incense,
an altar for burnt offerings,
a wash basin
and special garments for the priests
to wear before God in the Holy Place.’**



The people had seen
that God had forgiven them.
Their hearts were full of thankfulness
and they brought
what was needed for God's tent.

Soon Moses had to say,
'Stop. We have too much.'

Many people helped to
make the things for the tent.

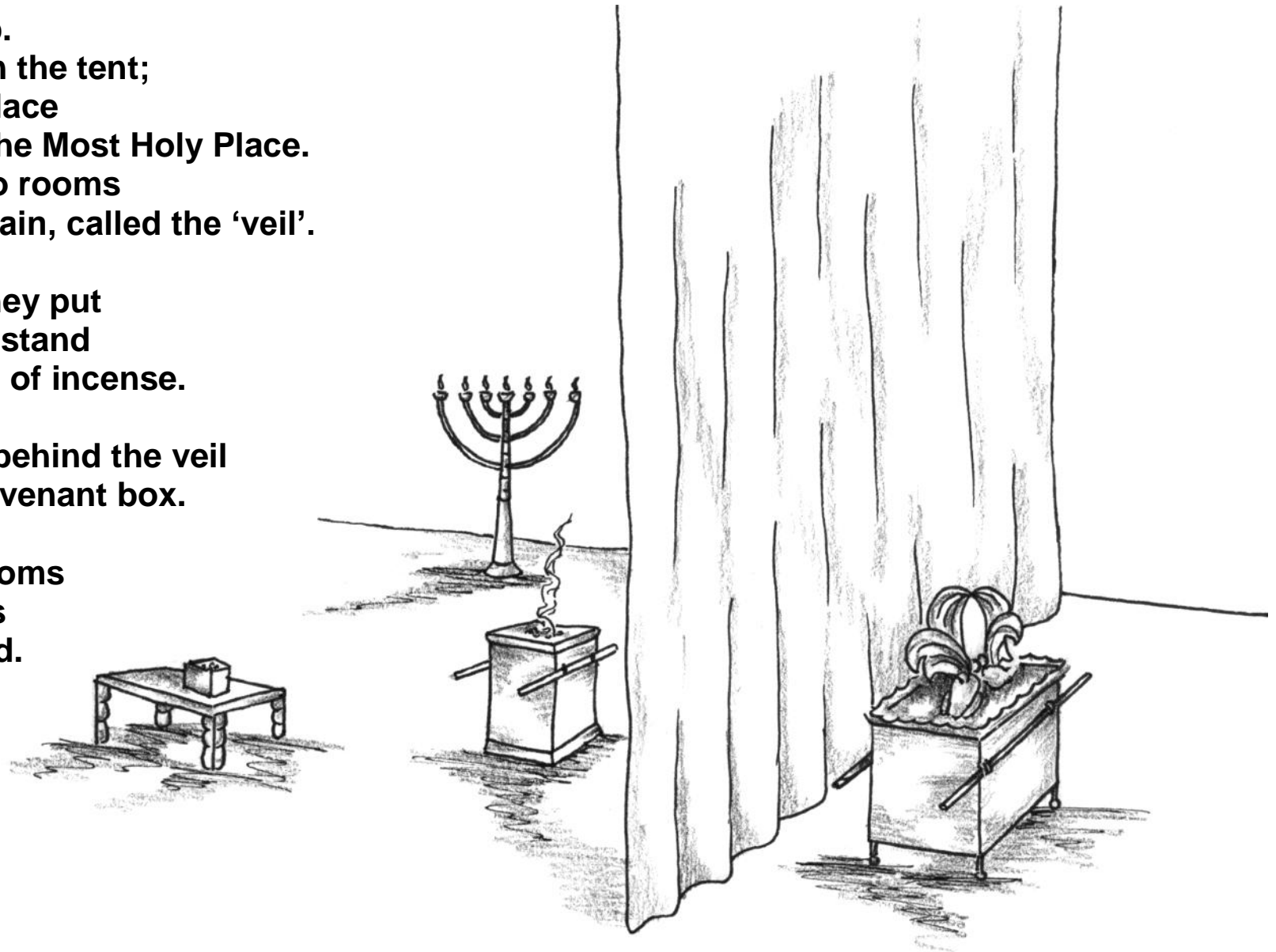


**Then they set it up.
Two rooms were in the tent;
one for the Holy Place
and the other for the Most Holy Place.
Between these two rooms
they hung the curtain, called the 'veil'.**

**In the first room they put
the table, the lampstand
and the small altar of incense.**

**In the other room behind the veil
they placed the covenant box.**

**Around the two rooms
they hung curtains
to form a courtyard.
This is where
they put the altar.**



The tabernacle was finished.

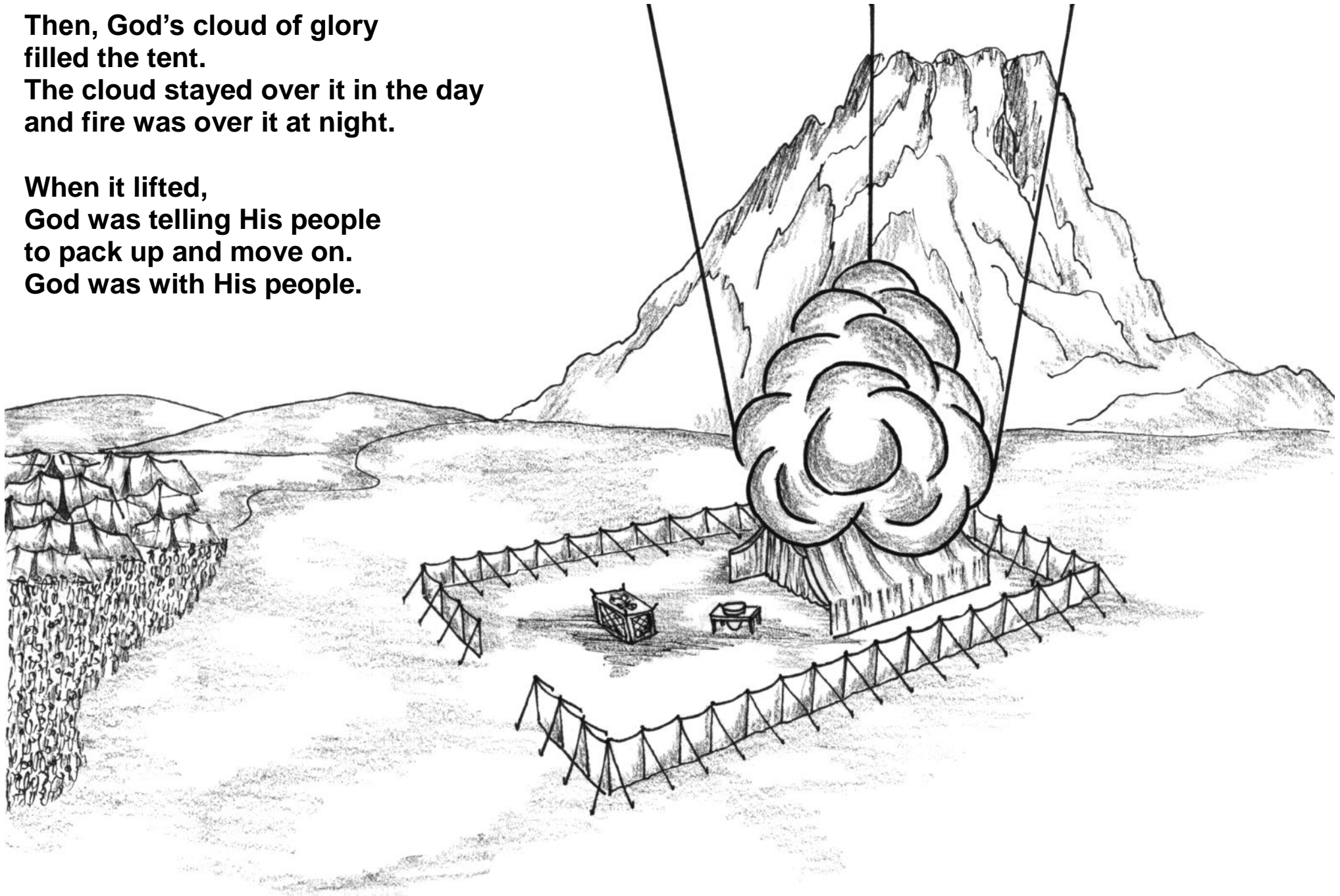
**Moses anointed everything with oil,
and made it holy for God.**

**He washed the priests' hands and feet,
put special clothes on them
and anointed them.**



**Then, God's cloud of glory
filled the tent.
The cloud stayed over it in the day
and fire was over it at night.**

**When it lifted,
God was telling His people
to pack up and move on.
God was with His people.**



***God is building a home
for Himself right now.
It is we, ourselves, who
trust in His Son Jesus.
We are the home
God will live in forever.***