



God lives among his people

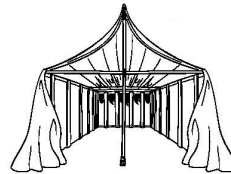
This true story can be found in Exodus 40

discover

Read Exodus 24:8-9: *“And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.”*

Why was God giving the Israelites this special tent-like movable building?

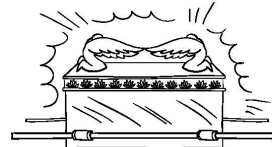
- As a rain shelter?
- As storage for all their stuff?
- So that he could live with his people?



Read Exodus 40:34 *“Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.”*

Why did the tabernacle have to be made perfectly, just as God had instructed?

- Because otherwise it wouldn't work properly.
- Because God who would live there is holy.



think

- ◆ Why would a holy God want to live among his sinful people?
- ◆ Why would sinful people want a holy God to live with them?

discuss

Read John 1:14 *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,”*

- What problem did the Israelites have? Do we still have that same problem?
- How did God deal with that problem then? What about today?
- How are we able to meet with God? Are you confident that you can? Why or why not?