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**Judul** : Building The Tabernacle

**Bahan Alkitab**: Exo 35:30-35; 36-37; 25:8-9

**Ringkasan Bahan SM**:

Points of Learning:

I.

Cognitive: God initiated the building of the tabernacle that He may dwell in their midst.

Affective: Children are grateful that the Lord sent the Savior and dwells in their hearts.

Psychomotor: As God’s Children, they want to talk to God and read His words.

II.

Cognitive: In making the tabernacle, God provided materials & skills for them. He guides them to acceptable ways of worship.

Affective: Children are grateful for God's grace that as sinners they can come & worship God.

Psychomotor: Children learn to worship God in respect and holiness. e.g.: pay close attention in Sunday school.

**Introduction**: When a president visits a city, the people there will feel proud and honored. Have you ever imagined if a president would come and live in your house? How will you welcome him?

**Background of story**: After God saved the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, at Mount Sinai God made a covenant, giving 10 commandments and many rules. Then God gave special Sabbath rules for them to worship. And in Exo. 25 that they would build the tabernacle of meeting, God said that He would dwell among His people. Can you imagine a great God is willing to stay among His people?

I.

Actually, long before this, God had made a covenant with Abraham and promised that he would become a great nation and that God would be their Lord and they would be His people. This promise is not forgotten. God keeps His promises. By His power He saved Israel from Egyptian bondage. And now they will be a great nation that has Law and Order as His people and that He is willing to live with them.

They may have seen many gods in Egypt, and many temples. However, it was built by Pharaoh as a place of worship in the hope of receiving blessings from those gods. It was very different from the mighty living God, who saved them, led them, spoke to them and took the initiative to live in their midst. It is a foreshadowing of a future where Christ the Savior comes to save sinners to make them His people and live with us. Through Jesus, we can draw close to God.

Today, God lives in the hearts of believers. How do you welcome Him? Do you talk to Him? Do you read His words? Through faith in Jesus, we can always come to God.

II.

The Israelites did not understand how to worship God in a pure and acceptable way. When Moses went up to Mt. Sinai 40 days and 40 nights, they began to worship a Golden Calf as their god. After this incident, is God still willing to accept their worship? Does God still want to live with them?

In Exodus 35-37, we can read that plans to build the exact tabernacle in Exo. 25-31 continued. God showed His grace to let them learn to obey His commandments. They were allowed to build the tabernacle. In addition, it was God who provided the materials and blessed them with skilled people to build the tabernacle of God.

In making each part of the objects used in worship, they learn what is pure and acceptable way of worshiping God. Worship is coming to God with gratitude and respect, for example, see from the existence of the most holy place, the altar of incense, basin or priest's clothes. All of this shows how holy they must be when they come to worship God.

Today we are reminded that as sinners who can come to worship God, it is a grace from God. And by studying the tabernacle building, we must understand how we must come in a pure and acceptable way of worship.

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| **Questions to ponder**:  |
| 1. What is the meaning of Tabernacle? (dwelling place)
2. Why did God want the Israelites to build the tabernacle? (He wants to dwell in their midst)
3. What did the Israelites do when Moses went up to the top of Mt. Sinai? (they made and worshiped the Golden Calf)
4. After the incident of Golden Calf, did God still allow them to build the tabernacle? Yes. Why? (God shows His grace and teaches them pure and acceptable worship.)
5. What did God do to help them build the tabernacle? (He provided materials, skilled people and guided them with building plans)
6. What is the object in the Most Holy Place? (Ark of the Covenant)
7. What separates the Most Holy Place from Holy Place? (Curtains)
8. What are the objects in the Holy Place? (Altar of Incense, Lampstand, Table)
9. What are the things at the court of tabernacle? (Basin and The Bronze Altar)
10. The tabernacle pointed us to Christ. What does it mean? (Many years later, Christ the Savior would come to save his people from sins and dwell in their heart)
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**Ayat Hafalan**: Hebrews 12:28b ...let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.