

THE SANCTUARY

Welcome to Vacation Bible School 2020

We are happy that you are participating in this program, to teach children and adults about God's plan to save us and bring us back to His Holy presence. This experience will allow the church and small groups to understand and explain to others the messages on the plan of salvation that are found in the sanctuary and its services. Together, we can help others prepare for the return of Jesus.

Objectives

By the end of the two weeks, the children will learn that:

- Sin separated man from God, thus leading to eternal death.
- God made a plan for man to have Eternal Life.
- The death of a Lamb was a part of God's plan
- The building of the Sanctuary was directed by God.
- The Sanctuary explains how one receives Eternal Life.
- The Sanctuary shows how Jesus saves man.
- Jesus is doing a special work in heaven now.
- If we follow God's plan, we will live with Him forever.

The Working Guide

- Group the children according to age, having five to ten children in each group.
- Have one or two leaders in each group to guide children to different activity areas and help to maintain order while the presentation is in progress.
- The leaders will also monitor the work areas to ensure cleanliness is maintained.

1. Activity Station

Family Room:

- This is where you start and end each day.
- They will learn the theme for the week as well as theme texts and songs.

Theme Texts: Ezekiel 18:4 (last part); Romans 6:23; Ezekiel 18:32; John 3:16

Theme Songs: Lord Prepare me to be a Sanctuary
Lord I lift Your Name on High

Charts: Use charts in the suggested Order

Days 1 and 2: Show God's sinless presence with Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Days 3 and 4: Separation resulting from sin.

Days 5 and 6: Eternal death because of sin.

Days 7 and 8: Jesus Dying in man's place to bring back God's sinless presence.

Display the charts and create a link between the lessons. Involve the children on the second day when each chart is used. Involve them in the review of the previous day's lesson.

2. Story Station

- You may read or dramatize the story or do a mix of reading and dramatization.
- If and when you read, please do so with expressions and voices changes to match the speakers in the story.
- Involve the children by asking what was said. What do you think about that or what would you do if...?
- End with an appeal and prayer. Involve the children in the prayer. Tell the child who cannot pray, what to say, Let the child say it after you.

Day 1

With a smile on her face, Mom said to her three children, "Thomas, James and Reena, for the next two weeks we will be learning a lot of things about the sanctuary. A sanctuary tour will be coming to our town soon and I want to prepare you for it."

"What is there for us to learn about our church, mom, and why do we need to tour another church? Thomas asked his mother.

"Thomas, this sanctuary is different from the churches that we go to on Sabbaths." Mom answered. "The one I am talking about is a model of one that was built in the wilderness when God's people left Egypt to go to Canaan. There is no real sanctuary like that anywhere in the world now."

"Really!" James exclaimed. "Why? What happened to it?" Reena added her question. "Was that the first and only Sanctuary?"

"I want to know that too," Thomas said, nodding his head in agreement with his sister.

"Listen while I try to answer some of your questions," Mom said and hugged the three children closer to her. "There is a sanctuary in heaven now and there was a sanctuary on earth before Adam and Eve sinned. Sanctuary does not only mean a building. The

meaning of sanctuary is a place where no one sins. That makes it a holy place. Now you can understand why there is a sanctuary in heaven.”

“Okay,” Thomas said.

James added, “ And I understand why the Garden of Eden was a sanctuary before Adam and Eve Sinned.”

“I want to know why God got Moses to build another one,” Reena said.

“I will tell you that, but first, I need to remind you about something that happened in heaven and in Eden,” Mom said.

“Lucifer was a very beautiful and perfect angel in heaven. At first, he was obedient to God but after a while, he began to think that he should be like God. The more he thought about, the more he wanted to do it. Finally, he got some of the other angels to join him in a plan to take over from God.

Jesus tried to stop him, but he and his angels were determined to go through with their plan. Because they did not want to be obedient, they had to leave heaven.”

Mom continued, “Heaven is still a sanctuary because none of those who are there does anything that is wrong”

What about the Sanctuary in the Garden of Eden?” Reena interrupted. “It was just a garden.”

“Yes, Dear,” Mom agreed. “It was just a garden, but they lived there when they were obedient. God used to come and talk with them there. They could see God’s face when He was with them, but one day, they disobeyed God and had to leave the Garden.”

“I remember that story now,” Reena said, nodding her head.

“The Garden of Eden is no longer on earth, but God still loved His people and He wanted to know that He had a special plan to bring them back to a place where they can see Him and be with Him? Mom explained, then asked the children.

“What do you think about that?”

“That’s cool” Thomas said.

“Yes, and it makes me think of God as having a lot of love,” James added.

“Reena will you say a prayer to thank God for His love?” Mom said, as they knelt down to pray. Tomorrow we will continue.

After Reena’s prayer, Mom hugged the children and went to the kitchen to fix their supper.

Day 2

The three children were focusing on the clock. They were eagerly awaiting their special time with mom, as she prepared them for the sanctuary tour. They went to the living room and started to sing.

“Thank Him, thank Him

All the little children;

God is love, God is love

Thank Him, Thank Him

All the little children;

God is love, God is love.”

“I can see that you are ready, children; I’m ready too,” Mom said, as she made her way to Thomas, James and Reena. “James, you pray before we start.”

James prayed, then their mother gave each of the children a Bible verse to read. “James, you find Genesis 2:17. Thomas, yours is Romans 6:23, the first part. Reena, you will read Ez. 18:32. Each of you will read your verse silently; think about what it says, then we will talk about them one by one,” Mom told them.

After a few minutes, Mom asked, “Are you ready?” “Yes, Mom,” they all replied.”

“James, you will go first. Read your text aloud first, then we will all talk about it.”

James read, “Genesis 2:17 says: “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it, for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

“Now, let’s talk about it. What did God say would happen if adam ate the fruit?” their mother asked. All three children responded, “They would die.” “Okay. That’s it children. You are right,” Mom agreed and pointed to Thomas. “It’s your time now, Thomas. Let’s hear what your text says.”

“I am reading from Romans 6:23. The first part says, “For the wages of sin is death.”

“What is wages, Mom?” asked Reena.

“Wages is the pay that a worker gets when he has done the work,” Mom explained.

“o, now I understand what the text says. If someone disobeys God he sins and he is to die,” Reena said, smiling with satisfaction.

“Read your text now, Reena. It is Ezekiel 18:32.” Reena cleared her throat and read her verse. “I am reading from the NKJV Bible.” “For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies, says the Lord God. Therefore turn and live.”

“I am glad you asked Reena to read that verse,” James said.

“Why are you glad, James” the children’s mother asked.

“I’m glad because that verse tells me that God doesn’t want me to die. He is not pleased when people sin and die,” James replied.

Thomas had a puzzled look on his face. “What is puzzling you so much Thomas?” Mom asked him.

“So what about all these people who have died already?

That must be making God very sad, Thomas whispered.

“Darling, that’s not the death that the verse is talking about. It is talking about someone who dies forever,” Mom explained. “God wants us to live forever.”

“Let us close read two scriptures together. They are John 3:16 and Romans 6:23 last part.”

Mom and children read the verses together.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

“The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
James prayed and their Bible study closed for the day.

Day 3

It was story time again and the children were ready. Mom prayed and continued from where they stopped last evening.

“Adam and Eve died. That death is called the first death. It is also called sleep. Everyone will die that first death. Those whose sins are all forgiven will come back to life and live forever after that. All the people who did not get their sins forgiven will get their wages, which is to die forever.”

“I want to live forever,” James said

“So do I,” Thomas added

“I want to live forever too,” Reena said as she shuffled closer to her brothers.

“We all want to live forever children, and God has done everything possible to let us get eternal life,” Mom said, encouraging the children.

She continued “that’s what the sanctuary and it’s services are is all about! We will learn many wonderful things about it when we go to the tour next.”

“Great!” Thomas shouted, clapping his hands.

“That would be good,” James added.

“Let us continue with the sanctuary after Eden. What do you think about that?” Mom asked.

“Sure mom,” they responded in agreement with their mother.

Mom cleared her throat and began to talk to Thomas, James and Reena.

“After Adam and Eve sinned, God promises to save them from eternal death. Those who believed, needed to do something to show that they believe and that they were looking for God’s special help.”

“What did they do Mom?” interrupted Reena.

“They had to kill a lamb and burn it on an altar, although the lamb did not do anything wrong.”

“But why?” James asked.

“The lamb was dying for the one who sinned. They had to do that until God sent someone, who did not sin to die for our sins,” mom replied.

Thomas said, “that someone was Jesus, right Mom?”

“Yes Thomas, that someone was Jesus.”

“Each person or each family killed and burnt their own lamb. When God’s people left Egypt to go to Canaan, God told Moses to do something.”

“Did He tell them to stop killing the poor innocent lambs?” Reena asked her mother.

“No Reena,” she answered. “He told Moses that He wanted the people to make a very special building. That building was the sanctuary.”

“Where did Moses ever ~~saw~~see a sanctuary? How was he going to build one?” Thomas asked, with a strange look on his face.

“God showed Moses a picture of the Sanctuary that is in heaven and told him everything he needed to know so that he could do it right.”

“God told Moses to make sure that he followed all of the instructions that he got,” Mom told the children.

“Tomorrow you will hear more about that, okay?”

They all agreed and Thomas said a short prayer thanking God for the things that they learnt.

Day 4

The following evening, all four gathered as usual for their Bible story time. They sang a song, prayed and Mom continued from where she stopped the day before.

“God told Moses to let the people make a sanctuary so that they could know that He was with them.”

“Stop a moment, Mom,” Thomas interrupted. “You said that because God’s holy presence is like fire and that it will burn anyone who has sinned and tries to get near him.”

“Yes Thomas, I did,” Mom agreed.

“So, how was God going to stay with them?” He asked.

“That’s a very good question Thomas. Let me use the sun to explain what God did.”

“The sun is extremely bright. If anyone looks at it directly, it damages the eyes.” Mom paused.

“We know that,” the children said to Mom.

Mom continued, “Well without going outside, we can tell that the sun is up, because the sun shine comes where we are.”

“That’s true,” The children agreed.

“Just like that, God has put a little bit of His brightness in one part of the sanctuary to show everyone that He was there with them,” Mom explained.

“I understand,” said James. “God did put something so that they didn’t have to wonder if He was with them,” James said nodding his head.

“Are you ready for something more now, kids?” Mom asked.

Thomas, James and Reena responded, “Yes Mom; we are ready.”

Mom read three Bible -verses while the children listened. In those verses, God told Moses to make the sanctuary and all the things that would be used in the services exactly as he saw them.

“God showed Moses everything that should be made and gave him all the instructions on how they were to be made. There was nothing that Moses was left to do on His own.”

James wanted explanations so he turned to his mother with a question.

“Mom, what did you mean by everything?”

Mom replied, “Son, I mean everything... every single thing. I’ll tell you some of them.” Mom smiles and started to list some of them.

- “1. How long, how wide, how high, and how many different sections it should have;
2. The colour, and the type of the materials to be used;
3. The name of each section and the name of each furniture that should be placed in them;
4. The pattern of each piece of furniture, where it should be placed and how it should be used;
5. What the ladies should make and what the men should make. God even named the men who were to do the work.”

“God did more. He told Moses who were the persons that should work at the sanctuary and what was each one’s duties.”

Reena touched Mom and exclaimed, “Mom, that was a lot!”

“And that’s not all, Reena,” Mom said and continued.

“The building was to be made so that it could be taken down easily, without damaging any part. In this way, it was carried from one place to the other on their journey to Canaan.”

“You will understand more about it when we go to the tour.”

“How did Moses remember all of those instructions Mom?” James asked Mom.

“The Holy Spirit reminded him, my dear. Also the Holy Spirit gave the workers wisdom, understanding and knowledge to do the work. Exodus 35:30 on to Exodus 36:2 tells us about those workers.”

“The sanctuary was really very special, Mom. Tell us more please,” Thomas begged Mom.

Mom responded, “I will, Thomas, but that’s all for this evening. There will be more tomorrow. Let us sing the chorus: “Lord Prepare Me To Be a Sanctuary” and pray to close this evening’s story time.

Day 5

“Mom! Mom!” the children called as they ran to their mother who was sitting quietly in the living room.

“Mom! We found something!” Reena shouted, pointing to a book that James has in his hand.

“What have you found?” Mom asked.

“We found a picture in this book, Bible Readings for the Home.” James said. “It says; The wilderness sanctuary of Israel. There it is Mom, but everything is blue. Is this what you were talking about, Mom?” he asked pointing to the picture.

“O, yes, it is but it was not all blue as that picture is. Actually, it was very colourful, more like this one,” Mom said, turning the screen of her laptop for the children to see.

“Wow!” Reena whispered, “It is beautiful Mom.”

“Actually,” Mom continued, “it was far more beautiful than this picture.

“That building looks like a tent. Doesn’t it, James?” Reena asked turning to him.

“It does.” He agreed.

“Here is a look at the inside and the furniture.” Mom continued, bringing up another picture.

“This was really a very special building and all the services of the sanctuary were also very special.”

Mom asked the children if they were ready to hear about the services of the sanctuary.

“Yes, Mom. I am ready.” Thomas responded.

Reena and James both said, “Sure.”

“Okay. Listen carefully now.”

“There were two main types of services. One type took place once every year. There were seven of these: four of them came in the Spring time and three in the Autumn. They were called festivals or feast days.”

“Were these times that they had fun and lots of food?” Reena questioned.

“No, Reena,” Mom answered and continued. “On those days everyone thought about special things that God did for them out of Egypt. They also thought of how He provided the things that they needed. That helped them to believe that God would continue to care for them.”

“Is that all?” Thomas asked.

“No. That was not all, children. Those special days were messages about God’s plan to save us. They were prophecies. The first one was Passover which is about Jesus dying for us. The second one was teaching us that all the obedient people who die before Jesus comes back will come back to life and live forever.” Do you want to hear more?” Mom asked.

“Yes. There are five more. Go on, Mom,” James urged her.

“Here is number three,” Mom said. “That one was a prophecy that tells us that we must put away all sin from us, and number four was Pentecost. That prophecy was about the Holy Spirit who would prepare everyone who allows Him, to be ready for God’s presence.”

“I have given you the first four feast days and their meaning as sanctuary prophecies. You will get the other four tomorrow and you will take part in that one. Find some time to read Leviticus 23:24 – 27 and 34. Each of you will find the name of one of the other feast days. What about that?” Mom asked and waited for their response.

“That’s a great idea, Mom,” James said.

“I like that!” Thomas exclaimed.

“Me too!” Reena chimed in.

After prayer, the children raced to their rooms with their Bibles to do their preparation for the next day.

Day 6

The three children had done their assignment and were all waiting for their mother to come for their next story time. When they heard her steps coming in the distance, they all began to sing, “Lord Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary.” Mom joined their song as she made her way to her favourite seat.

At the end of the song, James prayed.

“Okay, children,” Mom said. “Let’s go. Who has feast day number five?”

“I do,” responded Reena. That day was called the Feast of Trumpets,” she said with a pleasant smile on her face.

Mom explained the prophecy that the Feast of Trumpets gives.

“That feast day was a remainder to everyone that another very special day would soon come and they were to prepare for it. It is a message for us too. I will tell you more about that when you name feast day number six.” Mom paused and James gave the name.

“Feast day number six was called the Day of Atonement.”

“That day was the one on which everyone had to make sure that all their sins were forgiven. All who refused to do so were destroyed by the Lord,” Mom explained to the children that the Feast of Trumpets was very special.

“The trumpets were blown ten days before the Day of Atonement to warn everyone that they should put away all their sins and be ready for the Day of Atonement.”

“How did the people put away their sins, Mom?” Reena asked. “Kill a lamb?”

“Yes. They killed a lamb so that they would not have to die for their sins.”

“You told us that before,” Thomas said.

Mom continued.

“Every time that they killed the lamb some of the blood was wiped somewhere. The sins were removed from them but were not put where they really belonged, that is on Satan.”

“On the Day of Atonement every sin was removed from the sanctuary. They were placed on a goat which represented Satan and he was destroyed along with those sins.”

“Mom,” Thomas said, “may I say something?”

“Yes Thomas. Go ahead.”

Thomas said what was on his mind and asked a question.

“I am thinking that Satan and sin are not destroyed as yet. Were these feast days and festivals given to them to teach us what is going to happen at last?”

“The same thing was in my mind too,” James said. “There is something about them that sound like things are happening now and things that have not happened as yet,”

“Boys, you are so right,” Mom said, patting the boys on their shoulders. She continued, “Before we close, Reena has to give the name of seventh feast day.”

“The seventh one was called the Feast of Tabernacles,” she said.

“Well done, Reena. That was a day of special praise to God for taking them out of Egypt where they were slaves,” Mom told them.

“Are you going to tell us what that one teaches us, Mom?” they asked.

“Alright, children. I will tell you just a little. I hope you will understand.”

“Try us,” Thomas responded, straightening himself in his chair, all ready to listen carefully.

Mom cleared her throat and said, “Because we always disobey God and obey Satan, we are like Satan’s slaves on earth now. When Jesus comes, everyone who chooses to obey God will be taken from this world of sin. They will rejoice in heaven before the throne of God. Do you understand that?”

They answered her in a chorus. “Yes, Mom! We do.”

“That’s all for today then. We will pray now and do some more tomorrow.”

Day 7

When the children and their mother gathered together for their story time, there were lots of questions.

“Mom”, Thomas the eldest one said, “we have some questions for you”.

“Go ahead and ask your questions”. One by one they asked their mother questions about the sanctuary.

Reena’s question was: What were the names of the different parts of the sanctuary?”

James followed with “What were the names of the furniture’s of the sanctuary?”.

“My question is: who worked at the sanctuary?”. Mom hugged the three of them. She was pleased the interest of the children in learning about God’s special building. “I will answer some of those questions and you will get the answers for the rest of the tour”, Mom said.

She showed them a picture and began to name the parts and the furniture.

“This tent like part is called the tabernacle. It had two sections. The bigger part was called the holy place and the smaller part behind the curtain was the most holy place. That part was also called the holy of the holies”.

Pointing to the furniture that was in that small part she explained that the light of God’s presence was on top of it.

“That cupboard was called the ark and the brightness between the two angels was called the shekinah glory. Only one person was allowed to go in the most holy place. That person was the high priest. He was in charge of the others. The only time that he went in there was on the Day of Atonement”.

“Was that the only work he had to do?”, Thomas asked.

“No, Thomas. He had something to do every day of the year. The Day of Atonement was a very special job that no one else could do”, Mom explained, adding “you will hear about those other duties of the high priest on the tour. You will also learn a lot more about the building and the furniture.”

“Do you notice that the tabernacle is in a yard?” Mom asked, pointing to the picture.

“Yes, Mom” they answered.

She continued. “That part was also called the court. That’s where the lambs were killed and burnt”.

“The others who worked with the high priest at the sanctuary were called priests. They worked in the court and in the holy place, only.”

“Mom, dear”, James called in a low pleading voice.

“How can I help you, son?” she asked.

“Do not forget to give us the names”.

“I won’t James, I won’t. There were two things in the court: the altar of sacrifice and the laver”. Mom pointed to the pictures and continued, “The others were in the tabernacle. You saw one of them already, the ark in the most holy place.”

Pointing to the picture on the next page, Mom said. This one that looks like a table was called the table with the shewbread.” She smiled and pointed to the other two and gave their names.

“This one before the curtain was the altar of incense and the one that has the flames on it was the golden candlestick”.

“That’s it.” Mom said.

“What were they used for, Mom?” Reena asked.

“The tour guide will tell you that and more Reena”, their mother said while she gently closed the book.

“Are you finished, Mom?” the children asked.

“O, yes, I’m finished for today. Tomorrow evening you will hear more. Who wants to pray as we close?”, Mom asked.

“I will”, said Thomas. “Let us pray”.

They all bowed their heads and closed their eyes. He thanked God for the many things that they learnt and asked God to help them share what they learnt with their friends. They all said, "Amen".

As they got up to leave, Mom said, "Tomorrow I want you to tell me some of the things that you learnt about the sanctuary".

"Okay, Mom", they said.

Thomas added, "We learnt a whole lot".

Day 8

Thomas, James and Reena were all seated on the living room carpet, talking about the things they learnt about God and His sanctuary. Their faces lighted up when Mom came and took her seat before them.

"You seem to be ready and waiting children. Are you?" Mom asked.

"We are Mom," they replied.

As usual, they prayed before starting. Mom reminded the children, "this will be our last story time before we go to the sanctuary tour. I told you last evening that I want you to tell me some of the things you have learnt over the past seven Bible story times that we spent talking about the sanctuary."

"We practiced to do it in a special way," James said. "We will give the points, one after the other in order," Thomas added.

"Are you ready to start?" Mom asked.

The three children looked at each other, smiled and nodded their heads.

"Yes Mom. We are," Thomas said. "Reena will start."

Reena: "A sanctuary is a place that is holy. Everyone who is there is obedient to God."

James: “There is a sanctuary in heaven and the Garden of Eden was a sanctuary before Adam and.

Eve disobeyed God.”

Thomas: “Just as Lucifer and the disobedient angels could not stay in heaven, Adam and Eve could not stay in the Garden of Eden.”

James: “Before they sinned, Adam and Even could not see God’s face when He came and talked with them.”

Reena: “Adam and Eve should have died forever, but God promised to send someone to die in their place.”

Thomas: “All who believed God’s promise killed an innocent lamb and burnt it on an altar. It showed that they remembered God’s promise and were waiting for that person to come.”

James: “When God’s people left Egypt and were in wilderness, He wanted them to know that He was near to them so He told Moses that they should build a sanctuary. A little of His bright glory would be in that sanctuary.”

Reena: “If all of God’s glory comes near to anyone who sins, he will die, because God’s glory is like fire.”

Thomas: “The sanctuary that Moses built was a pattern of the one in heaven. Everything about it was very special.”

James: “Two kinds of services took place at the Sanctuary. One type took place everyday and the other type took place every year.”

“There were seven yearly ones which were like the prophecies.”

Thomas: “The Day of Atonement is not finished for us as yet, because Satan is not destroyed as yet.”

“Is that enough Mom?” James asked

“O, yes James! Yes! Children, you have done well. Good job!” Mom said, smiling with satisfaction.

“Come on Mom; tell us more,” Reena said, squeezing Mom’s hand.

“Mom looked at them and said, “I’ll tell you more. I hope you will listen carefully. I will talk about three things today. On the tour, you will hear more, you will see more and you will understand more too.”

“There were sanctuary services that took place everyday. Each of them were messages about what God is doing to save us and what He wants us to do so that Satan won’t steal us from Him. The tour guide will tell you more about that,” Mom said.

“I want to hear that,” Thomas and James said.

Mom continued, “Every piece of furniture, everything that the priests and high priest did and everything that they used in the services, also had a message too.”

“Really?” Reena asked.

“Yes Reena. I am going to tell you about the horns of the altar of incense. Here it is in this picture,” Mom responded.

All three children peeped into the book to look at the picture.

Mom spoke again, “some of the blood of the animal that died for the one who disobeyed, was wiped on the horns of the altar. The horns were cleaned off on the Day of Atonement. The high priest used some special blood to clean it off.”

Thomas interrupted Mom, “what made that blood special?”

“It was special because that animal was killed by the high priest and it was taken into the most holy place. The tour guide will tell you more about it,” Mom explained.

“The horns have a message for us,” Mom said looking intently at the children. There are books in heaven in which our names are written. Everything that we do is written beside our names, the good things and the bad things. If we pray and ask God to forgive us, the sins will be taken out

and placed on Satan. We should ask forgiveness for all our sins, and choose to do all the right things all the time. In that way, our names will be in God's book and we will get to heaven when Jesus comes back."

"Mom," James said. "I want my sins to be removed and my name to stay in God's book."

"We all can have our names in God's book, Son. Do you want us to pray about that now?"

They all knelt down and prayed for their sins.

3. *Craft Station*

- Choose from the suggestions below
 - (a) A small booklet with blank pages: white, red, black, red white.
Use this to tell the story related to the family station presentations.
White: God's sinless presence with sinless Angels
Red: Sin separates us from God
Black: Sin leads to eternal death/Because of sin man will die forever.
Red: Jesus took our sin and our death
White: We can become sinless and return to God's presence to live forever.
 - (b) The older children can make charts – that is, smaller versions of those used in the family station.
 - (c) Make a miniature sanctuary – the building and the court.
 - (d) Make different pieces of sanctuary furniture.
 - (e) Colour pictures relating to the sanctuary, furniture, priests or high priest.

4. *Sanctuary Station*

- Set up a walk through sanctuary. Show the different parts and tell children how that relates to God's plan to help those who are willing to return to His sinless presence.
- Play soft background music of "in the Sanctuary" from Pillars of Faith or any of the theme songs.
- Link what you do with the information gathered from the Family Station and Bible stories.
- Show the outline of the cross in the layout of the sanctuary furniture
- Dramatize what happened when a sinner went to the sanctuary. Do a little each day through the second week.
- Dramatize/explain /show a video of the Day of Atonement. Ensure that the children grasp the concept of what is taking place in heaven now and how that will end.

- Explain the connection of each aspect of the sanctuary service with the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and us.
- Put verses of scripture on different parts of the sanctuary to show its relevance to parts of the Bible. (See the sanctuary related verses)
- Explain the work of the high priest then and the role of Jesus our High Priest.
- Explain how Jesus put an end to the sanctuary on earth.
- Encourage children to invite their parents to a sanctuary. Find a convenient time i.e. a Sunday.
- The Sanctuary Station is very central to the VBS. This presenter and his/her assistants must begin to prepare long ahead of the time for the VBS.

5. Health Station

- Ensure that the snacks that are provided daily are healthy foods.
- Coconut water, fruits, Carrot sticks homemade drink, peanut butter sandwiches, potato pudding are examples of what made be suitable. Cheese trix, sweets and bag juice should not be included. Plan well for this station.

Lessons to Be Taught

1. Food affects the way the brain works. When sin separated man from God, He no longer spoke face to face with anyone. He spoke to them in dreams and visions. God the Holy Spirit speaks to us through our brains.
 - Healthy brains help to make us hear what God is saying to us.
 - Healthy brains help us make better choices.
 - He encourages us not to eat foods that prevent our brains from working well so that we will not hear when God is speaking to us. Sometimes this makes our brains so weak that we do the things Satan tells us to do. He wants us to sin all the time so that we will die forever.
2. List some foods that God wants us to eat. Genesis 1:29 and tell how they help us have healthy brains. Name one or two well-known ones each day. If they are in season and available, serve them – even a small portion.

Recreation Station

Choose activities from the suggestions given here or use any other appropriate activity.

1. Activities associated with the letters SANTUARY. Add a letter each day in the correct order to spell the word. Draw attention to an aspect of the sanctuary. Pray before activity for each day.
 - S - Skipping, Stretching

- A - Action Songs
 - N - Name different parts of the sanctuary in line-up game.
 - Have two teams. Each select five team players.
 - Names of parts are written on strips of paper. Paper strips are folded and drop in bag.
 - Players are lined up one behind the other: two groups of players
 - Two different areas are marked – (1) “Got it!” and (2) “Try again!”
 - Taking individual turns, a player from each team picks a strip of paper from the bag, reads the name and tells one thing about it. If correct, the player goes to “Got it” If incorrect, the player goes to “Try again” and team members help. Player in the “Try again” area indicates when he/she has the correct answer by raising hand and waits to be acknowledged .If answer is correct then the player goes to “Got it!” continue until all of the players are in the “Got it” area. You may repeat with another set of players from each team. You do not have to use everyone. If your number is small, everyone can be divided into two groups.
 - C - Catching games: ball, team members etc.
 - T - Tug-Of-War
 - U - teams unscramble words relating to memory texts, theme song or sanctuary tour.
 - A - All players stand to form layout of the six pieces of sanctuary furniture, holding a card with the name of it.
 - R - Let player select groups of players to mime situations in which he/they resisted temptation to do something that is wrong.
 - The other players take turns; each person calls on any other who is not in the line to say something about the furniture on his/her card.
 - The one who knows the answer goes to a spot marked “knew it!”
 - The one who fails to answer go to find it in the “Check it out” box where the information is did played, then move on to a spot marked, “found it!”
2. Let the children make a brain food booklet. The younger ones can paste in pictures; the older ones can write the names and paste in the brain benefits which you will prepare for them beforehand. You can prepare these as handouts that they can use to make the booklets.
 3. Talk about some Bible verses or Bible stories in which bad food choices caused trouble.
 4. Take turn in relating what was mimed.
 - Y - Yo-yo demonstration. Talk about the parts of a yo-yo that can demonstrate our connection and return to God. The main parts of a very simple yo-yo are two disc connected to an axle and a string loop around the axle. The player’s finger is inserted into a slip knot at the free end of the string, and holds the yo-yo.

Parts of our Connection with God

Disks: Us

Axle: The Word of God

String: Prayer and the plan of Salvation

We fall from the hand of God who owns us like the yo-yo that falls from the player's hand. Sin causes the fall.

Prayer connects us to God and the plan of salvation saves us from eternal death.

The string recoils, demonstrating our interest to return to the presence of God.