

Tabernacle or Temple? Teacher Guide

Print one copy to use as a guide for this activity. Give each team a set of Tabernacle or Temple? Description Strips. When they have sorted them according to which structure they refer to (or both) review the distinctives and the similarities by allowing students to read the strips and explain how they have classified them.

TABERNACLE:

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- This was a movable structure.
- This was made out of poles and fabrics and skins.
- This was a temporary place of worship for the Israelites.

TEMPLE:

- This was a permanent structure. It was not meant to be moved.
- This was made of stone and wood.
- God gave the design for this to King David.
- Solomon built this structure for the Lord.

BOTH:

- The Ark of the Covenant was there.
- God's presence was there.
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