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## Teacher Notes for Teaching Exodus 25 to Elementary Students

### Objective:

Introduce students to the key themes and elements of Exodus 25, focusing on the instructions given to Moses for constructing the Tabernacle and elements like the Ark of the Covenant.

### Lesson Structure:

- Introduction (5-10 mins): Begin with an engaging story about Moses and the Israelites in the wilderness. Explain that Exodus 25 is a part of these instructions from God to Moses about building a very special place called the Tabernacle.
- Reading and Explanation (15-20 mins): Read selected verses aloud, focusing on verses that describe the Ark, the Table, and the Lampstand, simplifying language for clarity. Use visuals like pictures or models to help them understand each part.
- Hands-On Activity (20-25 mins): Have students create simple models using craft materials to represent the Ark of the Covenant or the Lampstand. This will help the concepts become tangible and memorable.
- Discussion and Reflection (10 mins): Wrap up with a discussion about why these objects were important and what they symbolize (e.g., the presence of God, sacredness, importance of listening and doing as instructed).

### Explaining Difficult Concepts:

- Ark of the Covenant: Compare it to a treasure chest that holds special items that remind the Israelites of God's promises.
- Tabernacle: Explain as a special tent, like a holy meeting place where the Israelites could feel closer to God.
- Gold and Materials: Describe gold as a precious metal that shows that these objects are valuable and important.

### Student Engagement Tips:

- Use Storytelling: Capture attention by narrating the story of Exodus 25 in a simple, engaging way. Use animated expressions and voice changes to maintain interest.
- Interactive Q&A: Encourage questions during the reading and explanation. Ask questions like, "What do you think is special about having a meeting place with God?"
- Incorporate Art: Use art and creativity to allow students to express what they imagine the Tabernacle to be like.
- Role-Playing: Act out the instructions being given to Moses, with one student playing the role of Moses and others as Israelites receiving the instructions.

### Classroom Management:

- Clear Instructions: Keep activity instructions simple and clear. Show examples of finished crafts

before starting the activity.

- Monitor Participation: Walk around the room to assist as needed, ensuring all students are participating and on task.

- Encouragement and Validation: Praise students for their creations and thoughtful answers to encourage continued engagement.

By pacing the lesson effectively and using interactive, multisensory teaching methods, you can make Exodus 25 both understandable and memorable for elementary students.