

STATION 8 STATION

HOLY PLACE

Our Purpose: Help each visitor feel the spirit and learn that God loves them. God invites them to prepare to enter His presence.

Your Role: Share the story below in your words, in 2-3 minutes. Let the spirit guide you. *Have fun-your enthusiasm is contagious!*

Core Message:

Welcome to the **Holy Place**. Priests and Levites served in the Tabernacle, but only priests were allowed to enter this first room of the Tabernacle. You can see three sacred objects in the Holy Place.

On the right is the Table of Shewbread. You can see a pitcher of wine and 12 unleavened loaves of bread, one for each of the 12 tribes. At the end of the week, the priests ate these loaves on the sabbath. To the ancient Israelites, the bread represented a sacred meal or communion with Jehovah.

What did Christ say bread symbolized?

Possible Answer: Jesus Christ said, “I am the bread of life” (John 6:35) and Jesus took bread...[and said] take, eat, this is my body” (Matthew 26:26)

On the left is the candlestick. In the Jewish tradition the 7 branches represent God’s presence in the burning bush and in the Tabernacle. We believe it was modeled after the almond tree, which is the first tree to blossom in the spring.

The children of Israel were commanded to use olive oil and ‘cause the lamps to burn continually” (Lev 24:2)

What might this represent for us?

Possible Answer: Jesus is the “Light of the World” (John 8:12)

In 3 Nephi 18:24 the Lord instructs us “Behold I am the light which ye shall hold up-that which you have seen me do.

Possible Answer: Besides light, olive oil is also used for healing which has a connection to the Savior’s Atonement and the olive press. It also represents purity and the Holy Ghost

Here at the center is the Altar of Incense. The priests burned incense twice a day. **What does this symbolize?**

Possible Answer: The rising smoke from the burning incense symbolized the prayers of the righteous ascending to heaven. God hears our prayers.

Psalms 141:2 “Let thy prayers be set forth before thee as incense, and by THE LIFTING UP OF MY HANDS”

Behind the Altar of Incense is the veil of the temple, the entrance to the Holy of Holies. Notice the sacred colors: blue, scarlet and purple. Also note the 2 cherubim placed to guard the entrance to the Holy of Holies. The Apostle Paul said the veil represents Christ, who stands between us and God’s presence (Hebrews 10:20)

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions:

- All the items in the Holy Place were made of gold
- The smell of incense countered the smell of animals and sacrifice, and the Israelites believed the sweet smell pleased the Lord
- This is where Zacharias was serving when the angel Gabriel appeared on the right side of the Altar of Incense to announce the miraculous birth of John the Baptist. (Tell the story in your own words from Luke 1: 5-24)

