

STATION 5

GATE OF THE TABERNACLE

Our Purpose: Help each visitor feel the Spirit and learn that God loves them. God wants us to prepare ourselves so we can return to Him.

Your Role: Share this story in your own words in 2–3 minutes. Let the Spirit guide you. Have fun and show excitement!

Main Message

Welcome to the Gate of the Tabernacle!

Did you notice that the gate is on the east side?

When Adam and Eve left the Garden of Eden, they traveled east. Now, God was inviting the Israelites to come back into His presence. To do this, they entered the Tabernacle from the east.

This was a symbol of returning to God.

Let's Look at the Colors!

How many colors do you see?

What do YOU think each color could mean?

Possible Answers:

- Blue: Heaven
- Red: The blood of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us
- Purple: Kings and queens (Jesus is our King!)
- White: Being clean and pure

Each color reminds us of Jesus Christ and how He helps us in our lives.

Entering God's Presence

Just like our temples today, the Tabernacle was a special, holy place.

When we are outside, it represents being in the world.

When we walk through the gate, it represents leaving the world behind and coming closer to God.

Did you notice there is only ONE way to enter the Tabernacle courtyard?

This reminds us that Jesus Christ is the way for us to return to Heavenly Father.

What Does This Teach Us Today?

Possible Answer: Jesus Christ is the only way we can return to live with Heavenly Father.

Jesus said, "I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved." (John 10:9)

Today, when we are worthy and ready to enter the temple, we can go inside and learn more about Jesus Christ and how to follow Him.

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Answers to Common Questions

What was the wall around the courtyard made of?

The wall was made of white linen, which is a type of cloth.

Short Teaching Guide

- The gate to the Tabernacle was on the east side of the courtyard.
- Adam and Eve left the Garden of Eden and traveled east.
- God invited the Israelites to come back into His presence. They entered the courtyard from the east.
- The gate had four colors. Each color had a special meaning:
 - Blue: Heaven
 - Red: The blood Jesus shed for us
 - Purple: Kings and royalty, reminding us that Jesus is our King
 - White: Being clean and pure
- Being outside the Tabernacle was like being out in the world.
- When people entered the gate, it was a symbol of leaving the world behind and coming closer to God.
- There was only one gate to enter the courtyard of the Tabernacle.
- This reminds us that Jesus Christ is the only way to return to Heavenly Father.