

Station 4: Tabernacle Coverings

Our Purpose:

Help each visitor feel the Spirit and learn that God loves them. God wants us to prepare to be with Him.

Your Role:

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

Main Message:

Welcome! Today, we are going to learn about the four coverings of the Tabernacle.

As we talk about them, think about how these coverings remind us of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

The Tabernacle had four layers of coverings. Each one was made from something different.

1. The outside covering was made from animal skin. In the Bible, it is called badger skin. Some people believe it came from an animal that lived in water. This layer protected the Tabernacle from rain, wind, and other weather.
2. The second covering was made from ram's skin. A ram is a male sheep. The skin was dyed red.
3. The third covering was made from goat hair. People often used goat hair to make warm coverings.
4. The inside covering was made from beautiful, fine linen cloth. It had blue, red, and purple colors, along with pictures of angels called cherubim. These beautiful colors and designs remind us of Jesus Christ.

When you were inside the Tabernacle, did you look up and see the beautiful blue, red, and purple colors?

What Can We Learn?

These four coverings remind us that Jesus Christ protects us in many different ways.

The outside covering may have looked plain, but the inside was beautiful!

In 1 Samuel 16:7, we learn that God looks at our hearts, not just how we look on the outside.

Just like the Tabernacle, what is on the inside is very important.

Remember: Jesus loves us, protects us, and sees the beauty inside each of us!

Question: Can you think of another Bible story where a ram was used as a sacrifice?

Possible Answer: When Abraham was about to sacrifice his son Isaac, an angel of the Lord stopped him. Abraham saw a ram caught in some bushes. He used the ram as a sacrifice instead of Isaac.

Simple Teaching Outline

- The Tabernacle had four layers of coverings. Each layer can help us learn about Jesus Christ.
 - First Layer (Outside): Made from animal skins, possibly badger skins or skins from a water animal. This layer protected the Tabernacle from rain, wind, and other weather.
 - Second Layer: Made from ram skins that were dyed red.
 - Third Layer: Made from goat hair. This layer helped keep the Tabernacle warm.
 - Fourth Layer (Inside): Made from beautiful, fine linen cloth.
 - Special Colors: The inside covering had blue, red, and purple. These colors can remind us of Jesus Christ.
 - 1 Samuel 16:7: This Bible verse teaches us that God looks at our hearts, not just how we look on the outside.
 - What Can We Learn? Just like the Tabernacle was beautiful on the inside, God cares about the beauty inside our hearts. Being kind, loving, and faithful is more important than how we look on the outside.
- Main Lesson: God cares more about what is in our hearts than what we look like on the outside.