

Building of the Tabernacle

(Based on Exodus 25 –31)

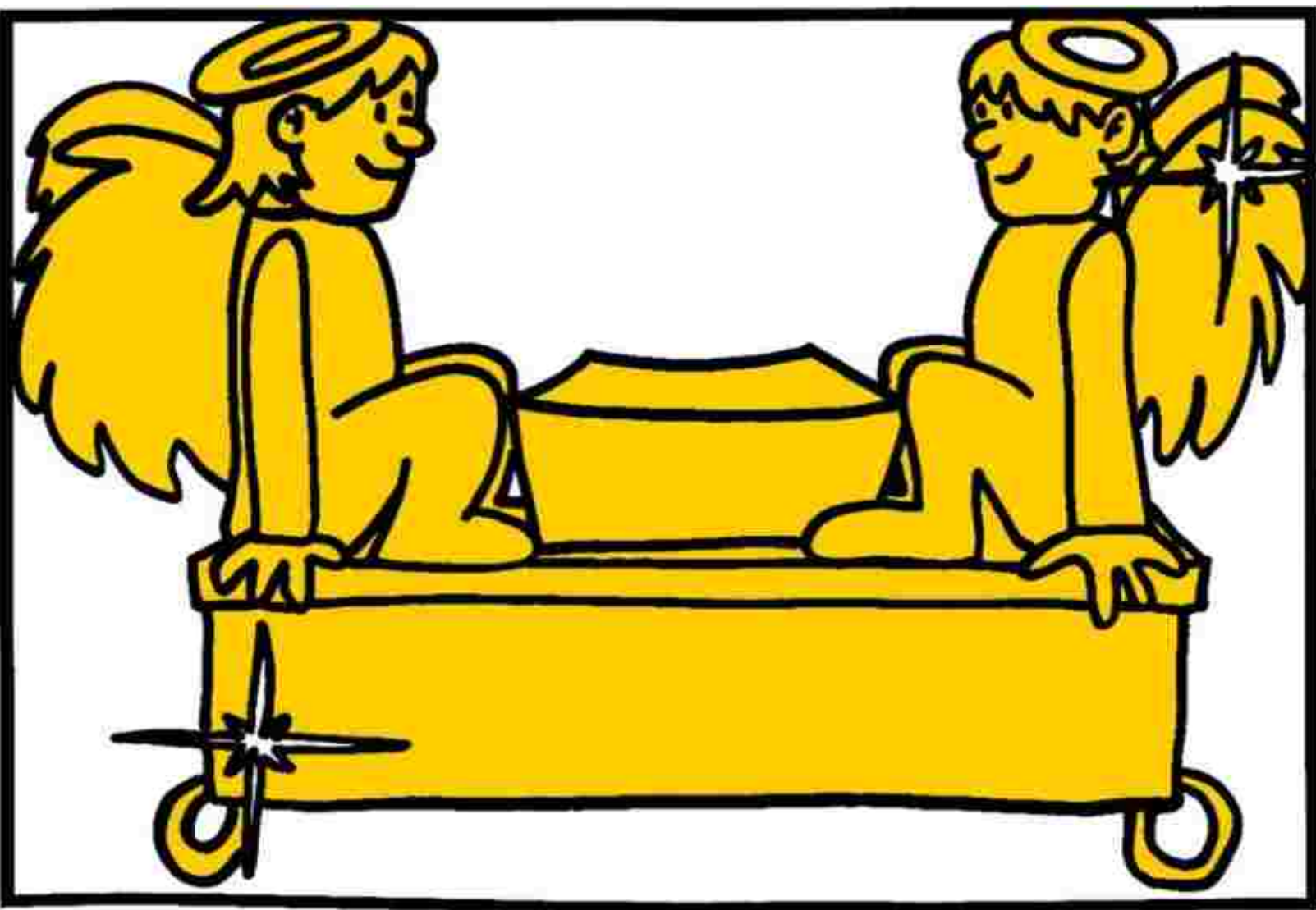
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While Moses was up on the mountain, God showed him a pattern for a big tent called a tabernacle. God told Moses to build this tent and promised that he would come and live with the people of Israel.



God told Moses to ask the people of Israel to give stuff for this building project. No one was forced. They wanted to give. They brought gold, silver and bronze. They brought red, blue and purple material. They brought goatskins, fine jewels, spices and oil.



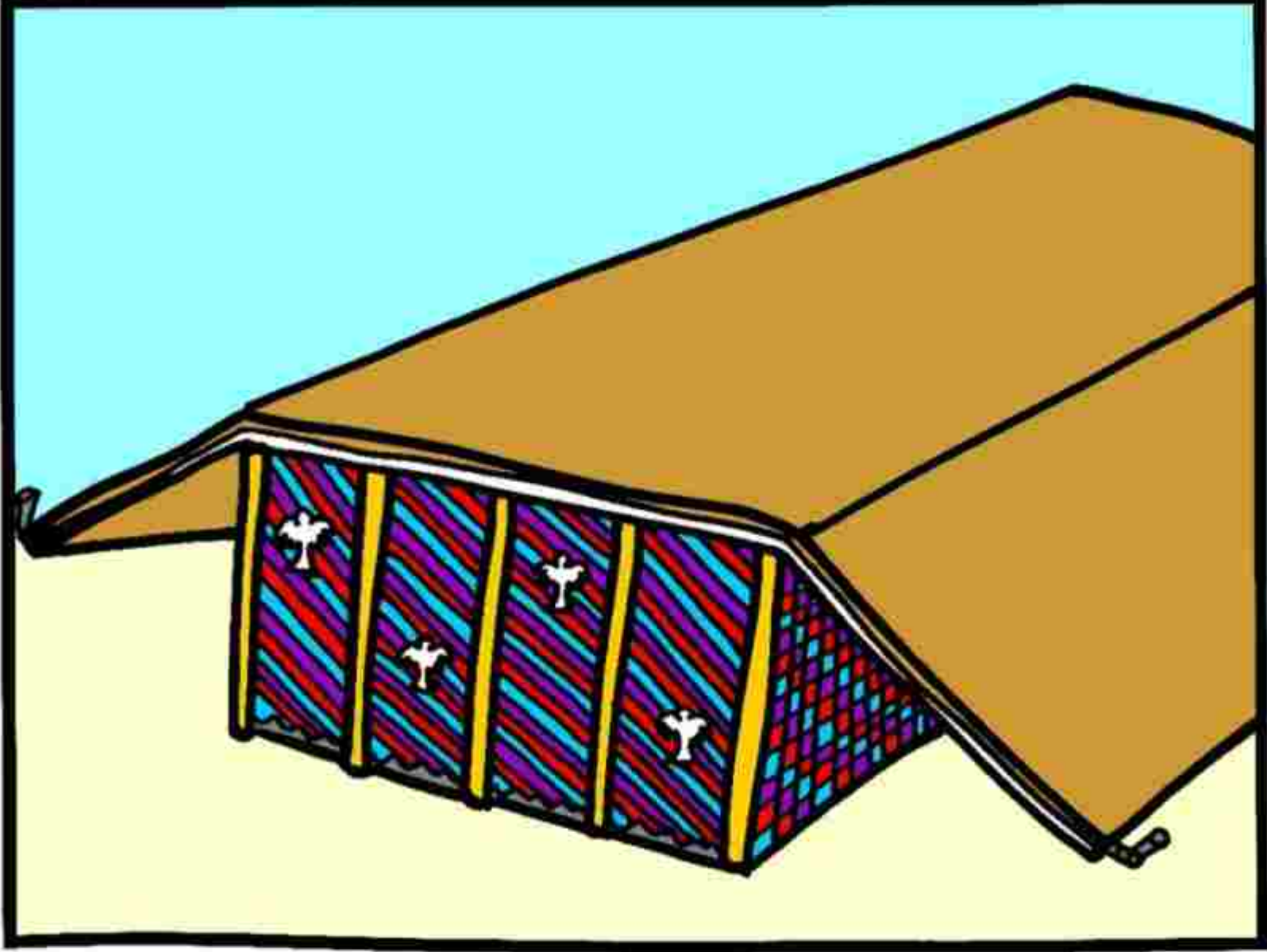
The first thing they made was the Ark of the Covenant. It was a wooden box covered with gold inside and out. On each end of the lid was a golden angel and in the middle, a seat called the mercy seat. God's commandments were to be placed inside the Ark.



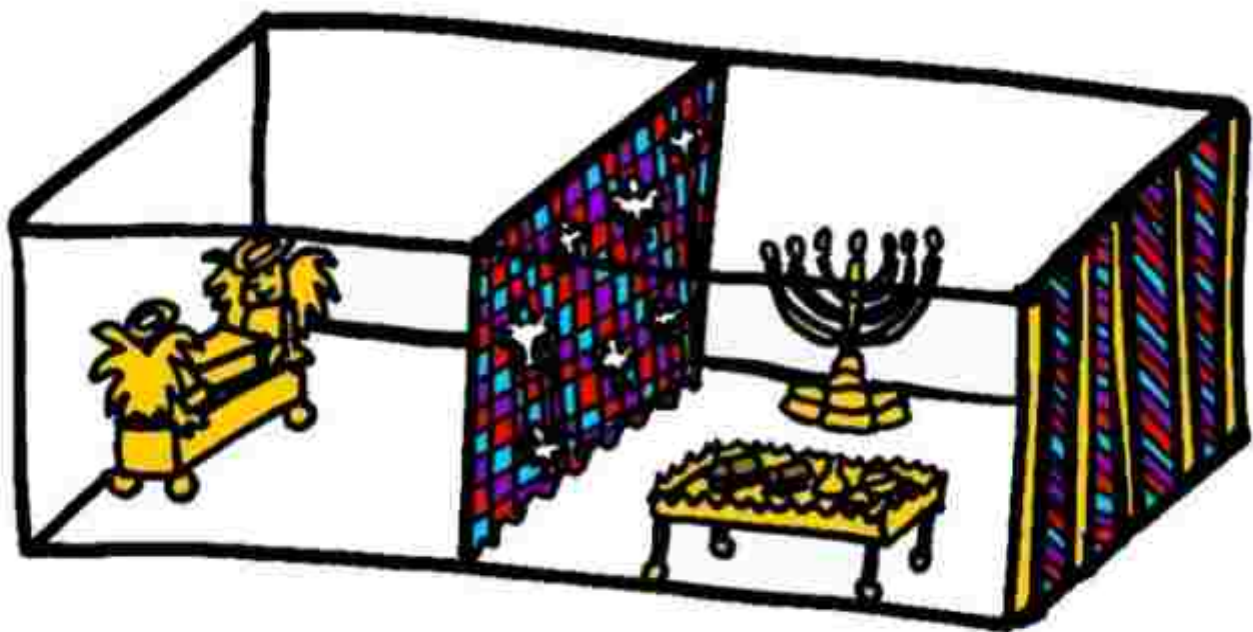
Next they made a table covered with gold. They put gold plates, bowls and jugs on the table and daily they put fresh bread on the table.



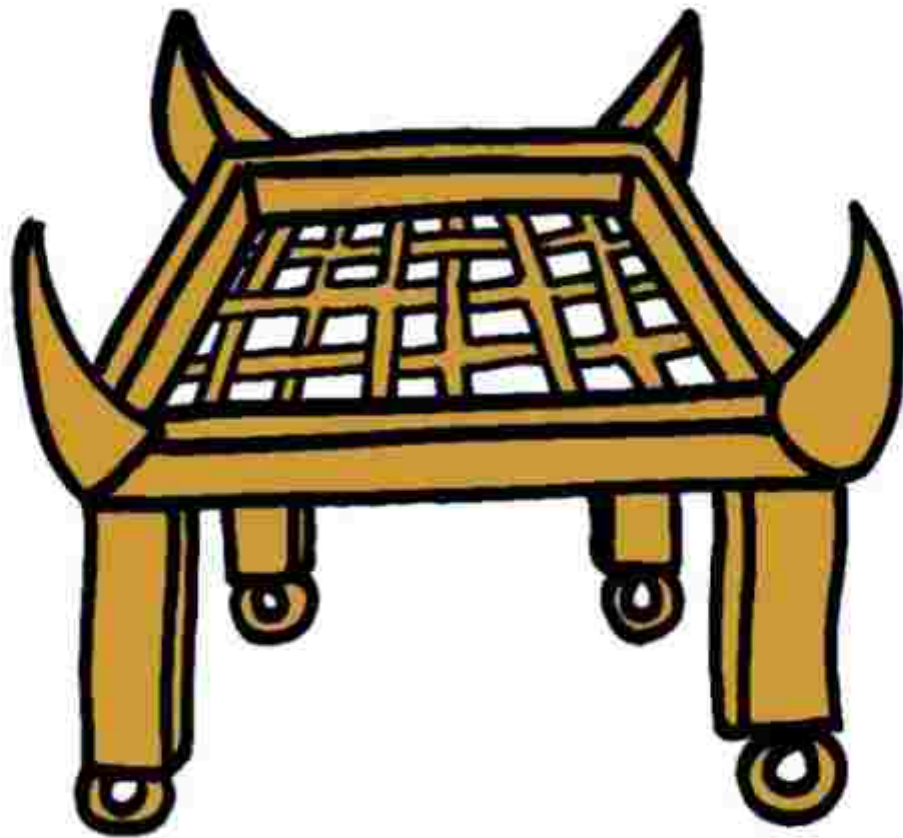
Then they made a lampstand of pure gold. The lamp had six branches with delicate carved leaves.



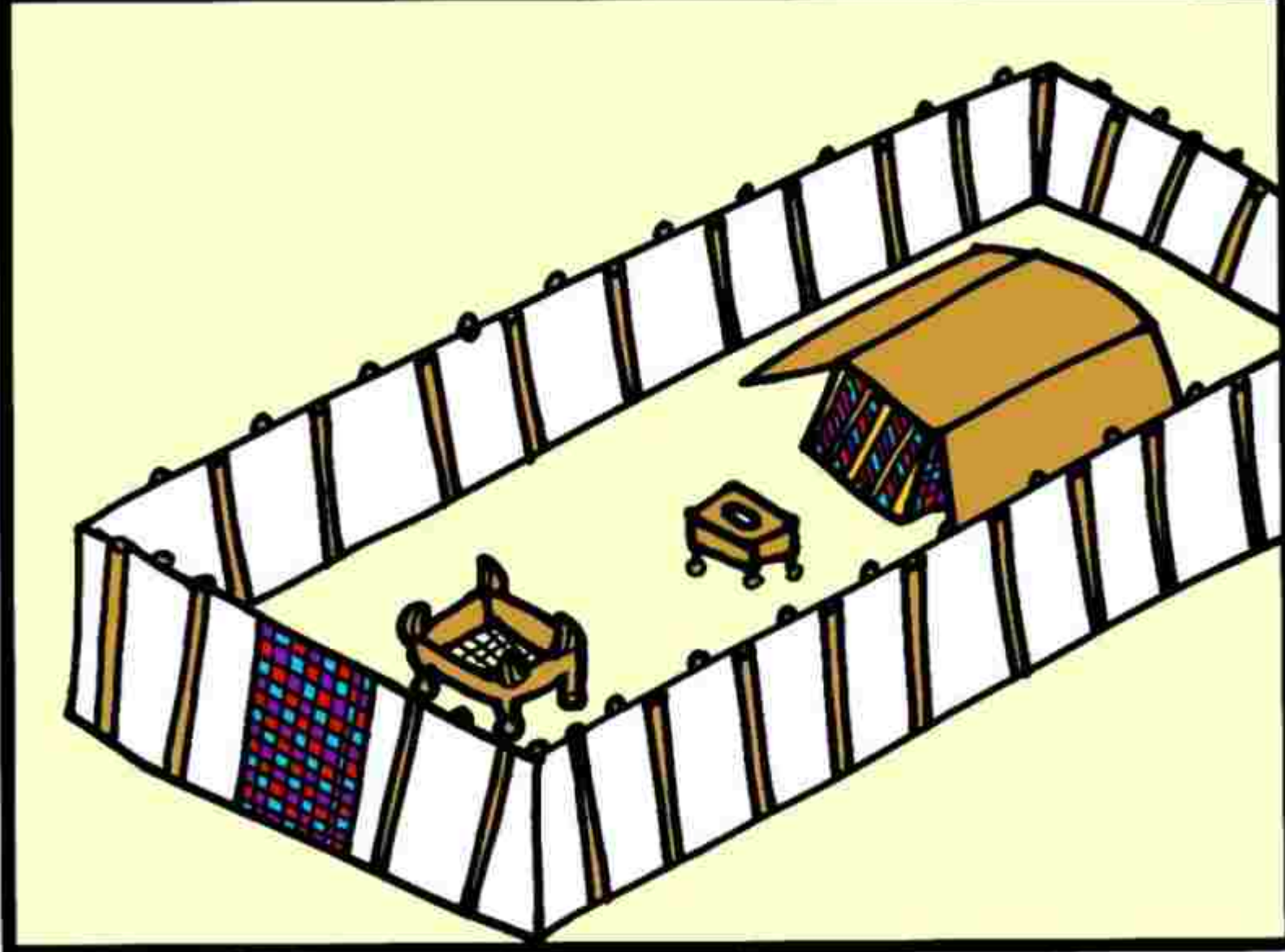
Then they made the big tent. The frame was made of wood covered with pure gold. The tent was blue, purple and red linen cloth with little angels weaved on the cloth. Over the tent were a goat hair sheet, rams' skins dyed red and a layer of badgers' skins.



Inside, a curtain was hung to make two rooms. They put the Ark of the Covenant in the room called the Holy of Holies. The front room was called the Holy Place and here they put the table and lamp stand.



Next they made an altar covered with bronze. It had horns at each corner and a bronze grate in the middle. There were four bronze rings on the feet to insert poles for carrying.



They made a courtyard around the tent. On each side they used twenty brass fence posts and at the ends, ten posts. Attached to the posts were sheets of fine linen and the gate was made of blue, purple and red linen.



God chose Aaron to be the boss priest and his sons were priests too. The people of Israel made beautiful clothes for them. The cloth was gold, blue, purple and red. A vest with twelve precious jewel stones covered Aaron's chest and hung from his shoulders.



The boss priest had to kill a lamb in the morning and another at evening on the altar so that the tabernacle would be Holy and God could come and live with the people.



Lord, thank you that you want to live with your people. Thank you for the Lamb of God that makes us Holy.