

# Branham Tabernacle Diorama

**Project time:** 1 ½ hours

## Supplies:

The number of projects listed after each linked supply shows how many projects you can make from each item.

- [Diorama box](#) - 12 projects
- [1" x 1" wooden squares](#) - 5 - 20 projects
- [8" Jumbo craft sticks](#) - 5 - 20 projects
- [4 ½" craft sticks](#) - 50 - 4 projects
- Elmer's craft glue - 3 Tbs.
- Hot glue gun
- Hot glue stick
- Cardstock - 1 sheet
- Cardstock - 2 legal size sheets
- Printables
- Church Age Moons template
- [Adhesive foam dots](#) - 8 - 34 projects
- Paint
  - Brown - 2 Tbs
  - Golden brown - 2 Tsp
- Small paint brush - 1
- 1" Foam paint brush - 2
- Water cup
- Paper towels
- Scissors
- Box cutter or X-ACTO knife
- Packaging tape
- Masking tape
- Pencil
- Tape measure/Ruler

### For a class setting:

- Print and cut out all printables for each student.
- Pre-cut diorama boxes.
- Pre-glue wooden benches, and pulpit stand.
- For younger classes, we recommend gluing popsicle sticks to the inside of each diorama box before class.

### Tips:

- If you want to make your own diorama box, you can use a shoebox or cardboard box and cut it down to size. 4 ½" tall x 11" long x 4 ½" deep.
- If you are using the linked diorama box, print the "Printables Size 1" PDF. If you are making your own diorama box, print the "Printables Size 2" PDF.
- Make sure that all the craft sticks are straight up and down, and not slanted, as you glue them.

### Setup:

- Print Tabernacle, cornerstone, Church Age Moons, Pillar of Fire, pulpit, and water printables on legal size cardstock. Print Church Age Moons template on regular sheet of cardstock.

### Steps:

#### Part 1 - Build:

1. Assemble diorama box. Secure the open edges with packaging tape.
2. Cut off the attached fold-out part of the box. Measure 4 ½" from the bottom of the diorama box, (or use small craft stick for measurement) and mark with a pencil; cut off the top of the box. (see video) The bottom piece that is left is what you will use to build your diorama.
3. Assemble two benches. Take the jumbo craft sticks, and run a bead of hot glue along the long side of one stick. Attach the long side of the second stick in a 90-degree angle. (see video) Allow to dry for a couple minutes. Hot glue a wooden square to the bottom of the craft stick, one on each end, to make a bench. Repeat with second bench. Set aside.

4. Turn the box on its side. Starting with the side wall of the diorama, use a foam paintbrush to paint a layer of craft glue on the inside wall of diorama. Add 4-5 craft sticks to the wall, pressing firmly so they will stick. Tip- When gluing the craft sticks to the side walls of the diorama box, make sure to start in the front corners of the box. This will ensure that you have enough space to fit all the sticks. Work in small sections so the glue doesn't dry, and continue around the box, painting glue, then adding craft sticks. Let dry. (Note- there might be a couple gaps on the side walls that the sticks did not cover. That is ok, you will paint this later.)

### **Part 2 - Paint:**

5. Use foam brush, and paint 2 coats of brown paint on both benches. Let dry.
6. Use golden brown paint, and paint 2 coats on the floor of the Tabernacle. Use small paintbrush to detail edges. Let dry.
7. Using a foam brush, paint the inside walls of Tabernacle with a thin layer of brown paint. Use small paintbrush to fill in any gaps on the wall that the craft sticks didn't cover.

### **Part 3 - Decorate:**

8. Once the floor and benches are completely dry, hot glue each bench to the center of the floor.
9. Tape the Church Age Moons template to the back of the box with masking tape. Start with the first Church Age Moon; cut out and add a foam dot to the back of the moon. Use template as a guide, and place the moon on the back wall of the Tabernacle. Repeat with remaining moons. Cut out the Pillar of Fire; add foam dot, and place it over the Laodicean Moon. Remove template from box.
10. Cut out Tabernacle and cornerstone printables. Starting one section at a time, paint a thin layer of craft glue on the outside walls of the Tabernacle and paste wall printables. Paste the cornerstone on the side wall, where indicated.

11. Cut out water and pulpit printable. Set aside. Cut a jumbo craft stick to 3". Hot glue the cut end to the edge of wooden square.
12. Use craft glue, and paste water printable onto the craft stick. Fold in the side pieces of the pulpit printables and glue sides together to make it a front-and-back piece. (see video) Make sure the glue is dry, and slide the pulpit over water on the craft stick. Paint a layer of craft glue on the bottom of the wooden square. Place pulpit in the center of the floor, in front of the benches. Let dry.

*You're finished!*