



Turtles & Tabernacles

I bet you've never seen a hustling, bustling **Turtle**. Turtles like to move at a leisurely pace, and they never seem worried about anything. They have a nice **tough shell**, and when predators come sniffing around, the turtle just whips his head, tail, and four legs under his little **dome of protection**.

God gave the turtle a wonderful home inside that shell – it's made of **sturdy materials**, and it travels with him – his own **mobile home**.

And he didn't have to pay anything for it. It's free to him just because he's a turtle.

Don't you think it would be nice sometimes to have a special little place like that? Somewhere we could whip into at a moment's notice. A place of safety and peace and quiet.



We do have such a place! **God has given us a secret hiding place – our own spiritual tabernacle.**

"For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His tabernacle and set me high upon a rock." – Psalm 27:5

In this special place I can meet with **God at a moment's notice**. There, God protects me, comforts me and teaches me. I can put away my fears and worries. I always carry this place with me, just like the turtle carries his home.



How do I **enter my tabernacle**? I **pull myself in** from the noises and distractions of the world around me; I **turn my thoughts to God**, and I **curl up in His presence**. I think about **His Word** (such as my favourite Bible verses).

I love my tabernacle – a beautiful home that God gives me until I go to my future home in heaven.

How do we get this tabernacle? Only **Jesus Christ can give it to us** – He owns it and He alone has the key. He gives it to us when we believe in Him as our Lord and Saviour.

Thank you, Lord, for giving me this wonderful tabernacle, this sweet, secret hiding place.