

Bezalel

READ

- You might like to read Exodus 31:1-11 [here](#)
- Bezalel means 'In the shadow of God'.
- Bezalel was filled with the spirit of God
 - God chose Bezalel
 - He had wisdom, understanding, knowledge and all kinds of skill
 - He asked Oholiab and Ahimasak to help him
 - God gave ability to the skilled workers to make everything
- As you read about Bezalel, what do you notice?



The Goldsmith
James Tissot

<https://thejewishmuseum.org/collection/26376-the-goldsmith>

REFLECT

- You might like to read the story once more and pause at a word or phrase that strikes you.
- Meditate over this word or phrase with God until you come to a point of stillness.
- What do you sense God's invitation to you might be and how do you want to respond?
- As you finish your time of prayer you might like to thank God for the life of Bezalel and what God has to teach you through it.
- You might like to close your time of prayer by praying the Lord's Prayer.



RESPOND

- At some point this week you might like to pray practically with the narrative of Bezalel.
- You could do this through collage, poetry, bible art journalling, or another creative approach.
- You could seek God as to how you, like Bezalel, can use your gifts and skills to glorify God



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Shadows?

Shadows give me shade.

They protect me from the fierceness of the sun.

I seek them out in the heat of the day
when the light of the sun beats so fiercely down
and is too much to bear.

Without light there are no shadows.

And here I am with a name that means

In the shadow of God.

In the shadow - 'a position of being unnoticed'.

But I have been noticed.

I have been chosen

by the living God in whose shadow I dwell.

And I have been filled - filled with the Spirit of God.

Filled with wisdom, with knowledge, with skill -
to do God's will.

Thus, I will dwell in the shelter of the Most High.

I will rest in the shadows of the almighty
for he is my refuge and my fortress

the God in whom I trust.