

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | Exodus 40:1-17,34-38

SESSION SUMMARY

In this session, we take a look at how God made a way to dwell among His people: the tabernacle. God's presence isn't confined to any specific place, and today, we can talk to Him whenever and wherever because of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Although God is holy, He makes a way for us to come into His presence. Here are the main ideas:

- God is separate from us.
- God is with us.

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- When has our family struggled to feel God's presence? How can we remind ourselves that He is always with us, even if we don't "feel" Him?
- How can knowing God is with us give our family confidence to do what God has called us to do as a family and individually?
- Why is it important for our family to know that God wants to be near us, even when we mess up?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Confession can feel like such an ugly word. In reality, it can be. But confession also leads to healing, and this is especially true when it comes to dealing with sin. Take a few minutes as a family and allow each person to confess something he or she has done that he or she knows is wrong. To model humility and confession, it could be a good idea for a parent/guardian to go first. Be gentle with confessions, and only share as appropriate. Don't force it either. If someone is truly uncomfortable, remember that this takes practice, and allow them to confess silently.