

Dates: October 31–November 1, 2020

Bible Passage: God Dwells with His People (Exodus 25–40)

Activity Supplies: blank piece of paper (1 per child), crayons
Music CD, player

Children respond to what the Holy Spirit is teaching them as they reflect on the day's portion of The Big God Story, engage in relationship, and create meaningful pieces of art individually or together.

Check-in:

Build Relationships.

Reflect: God Dwells with His People

Encourage your child to open their Bible to the book of Exodus, chapter 25 and 40.

Questions for Kids

- What is a tabernacle?
- Why did God want His people to build a tabernacle? Exodus 25:8
- What was kept inside of the ark of the covenant? Exodus 25:16
- What happened when the tabernacle was finished? Exodus 40:34
- How did the Israelites know when to move camp? Exodus 40:36–38
- What do you think it would be like to follow God—to actually see His presence moving?
- How is God closer to us than He was to the Israelites?
- How does God dwell with us today?

Engage:

Activity 1: God Dwells in Me

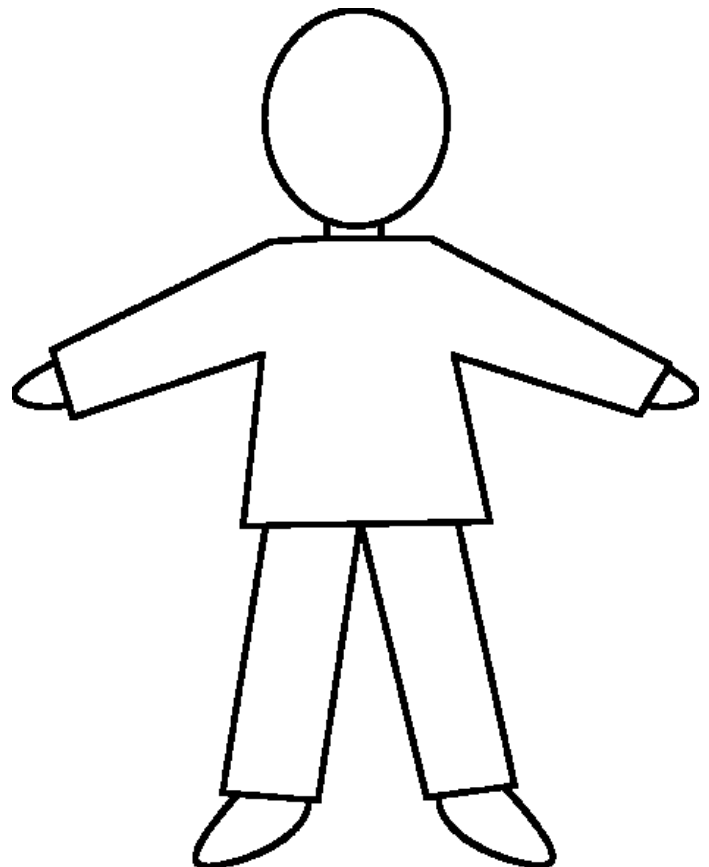
SUPPLIES: draw a “person outline” (see example to the right) on a piece of paper, crayons

How amazing that God dwelled among His people in the tabernacle! It's also amazing that when we trust Jesus, God's Spirit comes to dwell in us! He never leaves us. He can lead us and guide us from the inside out

Draw a “person outline” on a piece of paper.

Invite the child to draw inside the outlines, the things that represent God to them (such as hearts for love, sunshine for the light of the Spirit, or a cross for Jesus).

Help them think through what symbols to use and why each symbol is important to them.



Activity 2 Memory Verse Freeze Dance

SUPPLIES: *Music CD, player*

Today, we are going to play a game called *Freeze Dance* to help you memorize our verse.

When I say **GO** we will spread out around the room. You will need room to dance! I will start the music and I want you to dance until the song stops. If I catch you moving after the music you will have to say the memory verse before you can rejoin the dance party. We will take turns dancing and saying the verse when the music stops.

Put the CD in the CD player and turn the music on. Allow the kids to dance and then hit pause. Have any child who is still dancing stop and say the verse. Then start the music again.

Memory Verse:

**With a mighty hand and outstretched arm; His love endures forever.
Psalm 136:12**

Bless:

Open a Bible and read Hebrews 13:5b:

God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

Now read the verse again, and let the child know that this time, when they hear the word “never,” they should shout it out as loudly as they can.

Finally, finish with this blessing.

May you know that God dwells with you, no matter where you go.

May you sense Him with you every day this week.

