

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

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GOD MEETS WITH HIS PEOPLE

Tabernacle

Exodus 40:1–38

God gave Moses instructions and Moses and the people built the tabernacle.

JUST FOR FUN

Build a fort or tent with your children. Grab some sheets or blankets and drape them over tables or chairs to make a tent you can crawl into. Explain to your children that they'll hear about a special tent Moses made for God's presence to dwell in. **Read Exodus 40:1–38.** (For preschoolers, shorten to Exodus 40:1–9, 34–38.) Share with them that what they just heard is a part of The Big God Story, and they'll hear more about it in church.

REMEMBER VERSE

*We praise you, God, we praise you, for your Name is near;
people tell of your wonderful deeds.*

Psalm 75:1

DID YOU KNOW?

- The tabernacle was a portable dwelling place for the presence of God.
- God gave the instructions and Moses led the people in the building of the tabernacle.
- The tabernacle was a physical place where God's presence dwelled and where His people could worship Him.

DEVELOPMENT

Your child will feel a great sense of pride in her accomplishments. Praise her often and remind her that her talents and abilities come from God.

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss the following together:

- **What did God tell Moses to build?**
- **How did the people know that God's presence was there?**
- **What are some ways we can worship God today?**

BLESSING

A blessing can be a spoken prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words of encouragement and guidance over your child. For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** @ HomeFrontMag.com.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may you remember that you're God's child. May you know He loves you and wants to meet with you.**