Wonder@Home

In God's Big Story

Solomon builds a house—a temple—for God, fulfilling the promise God made to his father, King David. The Israelites celebrate the temple—God's presence forever dwells with His people!

Elementary Wonder Truth: God's Presence Dwells with His People

Early Childhood Wonder Truth: God Dwells with His People

Scripture: 1 Kings 8

WATCH GOD'S BIG STORY



BUILDING OF THE TEMPLE

ELEMENTARY VIDEO

EARLY CHILDHOOD VIDEO

WORD OF WONDER

Work together this week on memorizing this verse! Use our motions video or this video to help you!

ELEMENTARY:

Be still, and know that I am God. I will be honored among the nations. I will be honored in the earth. The LORD who rules over all is with us. The God of Jacob is like a fort to us.
— Psalm 46:10–11 (NIrV)

EARLY CHILDHOOD:

Be still, and know that I am God.
—Psalm 46:10a

WONDER ABOUT IT!

- What is one thing you're learning about God and the wonder of His big story?
- How do you see God's story as part of your own story?

WORSHIP@HOME

Listen and watch from our worship playlists any time!

SCAN FOR MORE WONDER@HOME!

FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- What does *dwell* mean? What are other words for *dwell*? *(to stay with or close to)*
- How are our lives different because God is always with us?
- When is a time when you knew God was with you?
- Why do you think God wants to be with us?
- How can we remind ourselves of God's presence in our daily lives?

WORSHIP RESPONSE

Build a Temple

Under King Solomon's rule, the Israelites finished building a temple where they could worship God. Inside the temple, the Israelites experienced God's presence. God wants us to draw near to worship Him and spend time in His presence! Work as a family to construct a "temple" with household items such as chairs and bedsheets. If possible, build your temple in a central location where it can remind you of God's presence during the week. Challenge members of your family to spend time enjoying God together and alone inside your temple. Consider having a journal, a Bible, and worship music available inside your temple. At the end of the week, ask: **What did you notice during your time with God? How did having this temple help you remember God is with us? Without keeping our temple, how can we remain more aware of God's presence?**

BIBLE MEMORY

Be Still in God's Presence

In the Bible story, the Israelites built a temple to be in God's presence. Through Jesus, we can be with God anytime. We don't have to be still to hear from God, but being still can be a great way to quiet our minds and hearts to focus on God and listen to Him. Read the Word of Wonder, Psalm 46:10–11 together. Listen to "Be Still and Know" from the Worship@Home Spotify playlist as you sit or stand for a few minutes. Quiet your hearts and your bodies and think about God and what He may be speaking to your hearts. After, discuss: **Did God speak to your heart? What were you thinking about? What did you feel? How does God feel about you? Did any Bible stories or verses come to your mind? Is it easy or hard to be still?**