

## Family Worship Guide – Week 7

### READ

- Exodus 33:12-34:10
- After Moses met with God on Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights, he returned to the people of God with the tablets containing the words of His covenant, The Ten Commandments. He began to construct the tabernacle exactly as God instructed him to do. Once completed, God dwelt among His people in the tabernacle.
- Exodus 40:34-38
- Ultimately, God designed the tabernacle so that He might dwell among and with His people, a picture of the reality that one day God would tabernacle with us in the person of Christ. Then, in an even more wonderful picture, through the Holy Spirit He would make His people, the church, the place of His dwelling.

The Bottom Line: God's glory was displayed in the Old Testament as He dwelled in the tabernacle. Since Christ's coming, God's plan for the world to see His glory is through the church and the lives of His people.

Questions:

Where did God's glory dwell during the Old Testament times?

How did people experience God's presence then?

How did this change in the New Testament?

How do we experience His presence today?

What does it mean to display His glory to the world around us?

### PRAY

- Read *Window on the World*, Pg. 140-141 *Refugees*
- Use Prayer Card

### SING

- Use lyric sheet and mp3 download of "The God We Praise"
- In Exodus 15, after Moses led the people of Israel across the Red Sea and out of slavery from Egypt, they all joined together to sing a song of praise to the Lord. Remembering their deliverance from the hand of Pharaoh caused them to give all glory to Yahweh unashamedly, singing "The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him."

The truth is we praise the very same God today. As the church, we are His people, and through Jesus He has delivered us from His eternal wrath against our sin. God dwelt in the tabernacle, as we see in the latter part of Exodus; however, His Spirit dwells within our hearts. We chose "The God We Praise" for this week because we are like the Israelites in Exodus 15. We remember His grace in delivering us from sin and celebrate together by proclaiming the everlasting truth — "The LORD will reign forever and ever."

### MEMORIZE

- Exodus 34:6-7 The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

## SUGGESTIONS

These suggestions were created to help parents better communicate the biblical truths discussed in the Family Worship Guide. These activities and questions can replace or serve as a supplement to the questions under the 'Read' section on Page 1. Remember, these suggestions are intended to help parents facilitate God-centered discussions with their children. Parents should prayerfully use these suggestions, and any other means necessary, to help their children discover the truths of God's Word and worship Him together.

### Preschool (Birth-Kindergarten)

- Grab a pair of mismatched socks (example one striped and one plain). Sit down with your child and put the socks on your feet. Do my socks match? No, they are different. Do you think anyone would notice they are different?
- When Moses was alive, he was different from all of the people around him. Moses followed God's rules and did what God told him to do and this made him different. Do you think that people noticed Moses was different, just like you noticed my socks were different? Yes, they did. Moses followed God's rules in everything he did and that made him different.
- There is another person who is different from everyone else. His name is Jesus. In God's perfect plan, God sent Jesus so we would never have to feel alone or without God. He sent His son Jesus to save us because He loves us that much. We don't need a tabernacle like the one we learned about today to know God is with us. Jesus showed us how we can talk to God anytime. We can worship God anytime. When we choose to follow Jesus and turn away from our sin we will be different, too. This is how we show His love to others all over the world.

### Children (Grades 1-5)

- Items needed before you begin:  
Piece of paper or poster board  
Pencil and a colored marker
- Draw 2 circles, one inside the other, on your piece of poster board or paper. Label the outside circle "The World". Label the inner circle "The Church". Use your pencil to draw lots of dots in the outer circle; these represent the people of the world. Use your colored marker to draw a few more dots in the inner circle; these represent the number of people in the church. Have your children notice there are many dots in the church, but there are even more dots in the world. Using arrows, show that the dots in the church can move to the dots in the world anytime they choose. When they move to the world, they are displaying God's glory to the nations.
- Discussion Points: How do you make friends? How do you get to know your friends better? What are you doing to know God more? Are you spending time with God? How will the world come to know and experience God's glory? What are you doing to display God's glory where you go to school, in your neighborhood, on the ball field, in your extracurricular activities, etc.?

### Students (Grades 6-12)

- We know that God does not live in a man-made, physical structure that we sometimes incorrectly identify as "the church." In the New Testament, God chooses to dwell in followers of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. We are the Church!
  - What are some ways God reveals His Glory through us today at school, at work, in our home or in our neighborhood?
  - What are some ways we can block or hinder His Glory from shining through us? (*Sin, quenching the Holy Spirit- I Thessalonians 5:19 or grieving the Holy Spirit- Ephesians 4:30*)
  - What should we do if we are hindering or grieving His Spirit in us? (*Repent- I John 1:9*)
  - What are some practical acts or avenues of service that God can use to reveal His Glory through us to others?

## Prayer

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#### Intercession

Intercession means praying for others' spiritual and physical needs. God tells us in His word to pray for others. If you desire to read some passages from scripture about this, some are listed below.

Biblical Basis for Intercession:

1 Corinthians 10:3-5; Galatians 6:2; Ephesians 6:18-21; 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Take an opportunity for those gathered with you in worship to mention specific prayer needs of others. Pray for each one of these requests specifically.

#### Nations: Refugees

- Ask God to provide for the needs of the refugees around the world.
- Pray for those who have suffered the loss of family, friends and possessions.
- Pray for the Global Church to minister to refugees for the sake of the Gospel.
- Ask God to move in the situations that have displaced so many refugees.

Source: *Operation World* by Johnstone and Mandryk

## Scripture Memory

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## The God We Praise

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### Verse 1:

A  
He made the sun

to light the day  
D

the moon and stars  
F#m E  
the crashing waves

He heard the cries  
His people made  
When hope had died  
His love remained

Pre-Chorus:  
Bm E  
This is the God we praise

Chorus:  
A A/C#  
Now we will remember  
E A

The promise You made  
A/C#  
Faithful and gracious  
E D

Salvation You gave  
E  
Let every saint proclaim  
F#m E/G#  
The Lord will reign forever  
and ever

### Verse 2:

When we were dead  
in sin and death  
His Son became  
our righteousness

He is our strength  
Now let us sing  
For Jesus Christ  
our risen King

### Bridge:

D A  
Forever  
E F#m  
we will exalt You  
D A  
You have delivered us  
E F#m  
You have delivered us

### Outro:

Bm A/C#  
You are the God we praise  
D E  
You are the God we praise

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