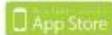


This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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GOD LEADS

(Pillar of Cloud and Fire)

Ex. 13:21-22; 14:19-24

God showed Himself to His people in the form of a pillar made of cloud and fire. God used the pillar to lead His people; they knew He was always with them.

JUST FOR FUN

Play a game of Follow the Leader with your children. Take turns, allowing different family members to be the leader. Take creative paths and do fun activities along the way. Then read Numbers 9:15-23. After reading, ask your children, "When did the Israelites move?" Then ask them, "Who made the pillar of cloud move?" Explain to them that we're God's people, and He wants to lead us. He sent His Holy Spirit to be with us every day.

Did You Know?

- During the exodus, God revealed Himself to His people as a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night.
- God used the pillar to lead the Israelites. When the pillar moved, the people moved with it.
- By giving the Israelites this visual sign of His presence, God also showed them His power, favor, and protection.

Remember Verse

For the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.

Luke 1:49

Though your child can distinguish between right and wrong, she still needs reminders to make the right choices. Remember that God has placed you in your child's life much like the "pillar of cloud" to help guide and direct your little one as she learns to follow Him.

Teachable Moments

- How do you think the Israelites felt when they always saw the pillar?
- How would you feel if God led you with a pillar like He led the Israelites?
- How can you know that God is with you, even though you can't see Him?

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:
(Child's name), Children, may you know that God leads you on the very best path. May you trust Him every day and remember His great love for you.