

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.

**HomeFront Magazine: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** is a monthly resource that gives your family ideas for creating fun, spiritually forming times in your home—setting aside sacred space in the midst of your active, everyday lives. Visit [www.HomeFrontMag.com](http://www.HomeFrontMag.com) to subscribe to the print or digital copy.

## 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](http://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.**