

Elementary Activity Guide

Elementary - March 22, 2020

Family Activity: Build a Fort

Supplies: Sheets, blankets, towels, chairs, pillows, whatever you have! Any decorating materials you have: ribbon, coloring pictures, cut out star, etc.

Activity:

1. Be creative as a family to build a fort in your home.
2. Encourage your kids to come up with ways to build the fort and ways to decorate it to make it special.
3. Spend some time playing in the fort. Activities could include: a picnic, read a book, tell stories, play a game, do a puzzle, do a craft, watch a movie*The important thing is to spend time together!*

Truth: Jesus is with us.

Discuss: Even though we can't gather with the Church right now, Jesus is with us at home. And through the Holy Spirit, we are united with Him and His Church around the world.

Elementary Scripture References:

Read Scripture together. For older kids, encourage them to find the passages.

- **Exodus 25:8** And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst.
- **John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
- **2 Corinthians 6:16-18** For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."
- **Revelation 21:3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God."

Discussion:

1. God wants to be with us. Because of our sin, we are separated from Him, but God has always had a plan to be with us.
2. Before Jesus came, God had the people build a tent — like this fort — so that they would have a special place to be with him (Exodus 25:8)
3. When Jesus came, it was like He was a living tent who was the presence of God on earth. (John 1:14)
4. Now, when we trust in Jesus, the Holy Spirit lives in us. Everywhere we go, we carry the presence of God! (2 Corinthians 6:16-18)
5. Someday, Jesus will return, and we will be with Him forever. He is going to make all things new and right again. There will be no more germs, sickness, or death.

Prayer: Take a moment to pray with your kids.

1. Invite them to share requests or any fears or anxieties they are experiencing.
2. Be honest and share your requests with your children (use your discretion).
3. Pray and invite God to make His presence known to you - where you are.

Recommended songs (found on Spotify or iTunes):

1. Psalm 136:2-4 His Love Endures Forever by The Rizers: Rise Up album
2. Word Became Flesh by Frontline Music: The Cradle album
3. Risen King by Frontline Music: The Crown album

