

EPIC

Exodus 35:4-35

June 7th

I Can Spend Time With God
Anywhere!

BIBLE STORY

Read Exodus 35:4-35 as a family.

When the Israelites were wandering in the desert, they sometimes forgot God was there with them, so God gave a man named Moses instructions. God told Moses to have the Israelites gather fine materials to make a home for God so that God could travel with them. Of course God was with them wherever they were anyway! But this home for God would help the Israelites remember this. This home was called a Tent of Meeting or Tabernacle.

WATCH THIS VIDEO TO SEE WHAT THE TABERNACLE MAY
HAVE BEEN LIKE.

God's people built the tabernacle exactly as they were told and put it up each time they stopped during their journey in the wilderness, to remind them God was with them while they traveled.

DISCUSSION

- Where were the Israelites when they built the tabernacle?
- What were some of the materials they used to build the tabernacle?
- Why did they build the tabernacle?
- Read James 4:8a. What can you do to come near to God?
- Where do you go to spend time with God?
- What are some things you can do to help you spend time with God?
- What do you do when you are spending time with God?

ACTIVITY 1

House of Cards

We read about the Israelites wandering around in the desert for forty years. Just imagine: for forty years, they walked around with all of their things, without a house to go home to, looking for the land God had promised them.

Let's grab a deck of cards to try to build a house card house as a family!

ACTIVITY 2

Prayer Cards

Grab your deck of cards again and give one card of each suit to each family member. Ask each family member to pick up each card from their stack and pray according to the instructions below. Encourage them to use the cards to guide them in prayer whenever they want to spend time with God.

Hearts: Pray for someone you love

Diamonds: Tell God how thankful you are for something special in your life

Spades: Ask God for strength to do something you need to do.

Clubs: Tell God how sorry you are for something you've done that you shouldn't have.

Dear God, Thank you for reminding us today that we can spend time with you no matter where we are! Help us to look for you and find you everywhere we look. Amen.