

GOD IS EVERYWHERE

"Hide and Seek" and "Hot and Cold" are probably familiar games to most of you, but they can provide new opportunities for you to open your children's eyes to the incredible reality that God is Everywhere! Play one or both games and then, use the discussion questions to complete this new adventure!

PREPARATION: Choose which game [**Hide/Seek or Hot/Cold**] you prefer to play. To vary your style a little bit, here are a few options that work with either game:

1. **Inside:** The seeker goes to a corner or in a closed off room and counts while the hiders hide themselves or an object in a room or throughout the house.
2. **Outside:** The seeker stays in the front yard and counts while the hiders hide themselves or an object in the backyard.
3. **Timed:** Take turns with everyone playing the seeker role but time each person. The person who finds the others or the object in the shortest time wins.
4. **In The Dark:** Do any of the above at night time, with the lights off, and the seeker uses a flashlight.

DISCUSSION: Gather around and talk about the following questions:

1. Who was the best "hider"?
2. What is the key to being a good "hider"?
(Find a place you think no one will look or know about.)
3. Who was the best "finder"?
4. What is the key to being a good "finder"?
5. If you played the "Hot and Cold" game:
 - How did it feel when you weren't the "hider" or the "seeker" and you had to be quiet while the "seeker" was looking?
 - Was it hard not to give hints?
 - Was it frustrating watching the "seeker" get close to the object and not see it?
6. If you were playing "Hide and Seek" or "Hot and Cold" with God—who would win every time? (God) Why? (There's no place we can hide where God is not already there.)
7. How do you think God might feel when He sees us looking for help, love, friendship or strength and He is right there ready to help, but we keep looking at the wrong things and don't see Him?
8. Sometimes people want to play "hide and seek" with God. Why do you think a person would want to hide from God?

APPLICATION:

The great thing about God is that He doesn't try to hide from us! He is *EVERYWHERE* all the time, and He wants us to find Him! We can *never* escape the presence of God.

"Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee." (Psalm 139:12)