

Use the following thoughts and questions to have one spiritual conversation. You can pick and choose, use them all or just allow the statement to be your guide. The emphasis shouldn't be about having all the answers, but simply having a conversation.

Scripture

Exodus 25:1-9; 39:32-43; 40:34-38

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

God desires to dwell among His people.

This main point is the biblical truth the student's study was built around. Each week there will be one statement that ties the whole study together. These would be great statements to remember together. The hope is that thoughts and ideas will stem from these statements. You can also begin by sharing a thought of your own that you learned during your study of the same session. Ask what thoughts were surprising as the study was taught.

2. Thought From the Study

While Moses was alone with God, God showed him what was next on the divine agenda. God asked for a tabernacle—a sacred tent—to be constructed as the place where His presence would be manifested. This would make it possible for a holy God to dwell among His people.

The tabernacle section of Exodus clearly demonstrated that God wanted to be with His people, and He wanted them to know that He was with them. The same is true today. The greatest evidence of this truth is the incarnation: God Himself took on human form. Jesus was (and is) the preeminent tabernacle where God has displayed Himself to humanity.

► **Do you think having really specific instructions makes it easier or more difficult to obey God? Why?**

3. Quote for Discussion

Discuss this quote together. How does this change your understanding of a relationship with Jesus?

“God’s promise of giving his powerful presence to Israel—that is, coming down to actually live among them—is one of the most significant promises in the Scriptures, and it will echo throughout all the rest of the Story.” —J. Scott Duvall and J. Daniel Hays, *Living God’s Word*

4. Conversation Questions

Use these questions to begin thinking through and applying the lessons to your family life:

- 1. Just as God used some human leaders to accomplish His will in constructing the tabernacle, what might be some tasks our family has been called to fulfill?**
- 2. Knowing that God dwells among us, how should that impact the way our family relates to one another?**
- 3. What are some practical ways our family can demonstrate the presence of God to those around us?**