

# 10 THE LORD'S PRESENCE

KEY TEXT: **EXODUS 40:16-21,34-38**

## CENTRAL truth

In this week's teaching, we will learn about a sacred tent called the tabernacle. This was the space where the Lord's presence would dwell with His people. God instructed Moses to set up the tabernacle on the first day of the year—a perfect time to celebrate this new stage of the Israelites' relationship with God. As we learn about the setting up of the tabernacle, we'll be reminded that **God still dwells with us and blesses us with His presence.**

## key question

**How did the tabernacle foreshadow Jesus's coming?**

John 1:14 says that “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” Another way we could say this is that God “tabernacled” or “tented” among us. In Jesus, God put on flesh and stepped into human history, dwelling with His people in a new, personal way. This same verse also refers to Jesus's glory, reminding us of the Lord's glory filling the temple. In the same way, the fullness of God's glory fills Jesus. By giving His people the tabernacle, God was foreshadowing the coming of Jesus, God's ultimate revelation of Himself.

## keep in mind

- There is a theme we see in this week's passage: obedience. Invite students to reflect on an area of life in which God is challenging them to obediently follow Him. Give them space to wrestle with what this might look like for them. Feel free to share how the Lord has invited you to obey Him in the past. What did this experience teach you about the Lord and yourself?
- Students are likely to need help understanding what it means to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Using the **Give an Answer** note, help them to see that the Holy Spirit works through Scripture and the church to help us live in ways that honor the Lord.

## application

**Why should the Holy Spirit's presence within us shape the way that we treat ourselves and others?**

## the win

**FOR THE STUDENT:** Encourage students to pray that they would be comforted and challenged by God's presence with them.

**FOR THE LEADER:** Emphasize that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity who resides within us and empowers us to obey the Lord. Use this opportunity to share your own experiences of being led by the Holy Spirit.

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