

# GOD WITH US

## CENTRAL TRUTH

In this week's passage, we'll learn about the establishment of the tabernacle and the priesthood. As we unpack what they are and their importance within ancient Israel, we'll be reminded that **God is with His people and created a way for us to approach Him.**

## KEY QUESTION

### ← What was the purpose of the tabernacle?

The Lord didn't just give the Israelites His law after being rescued from Egypt; He also created a way for them to enjoy His presence. This what the tabernacle was intended for. This portable tent would be a sacred place where God's presence dwelled with the Israelites.

## KEEP IN MIND

- Concerning the building of the tabernacle, Moses and the Israelites completed it "just as the LORD had commanded"—a phrase repeated throughout the passage. Invite students to reflect and think about any areas where they are falling short of obeying the Lord. Challenge them to ask the Lord for forgiveness and to ask for courage to obey, even when it's difficult.
- God was not only present with His people through the tabernacle but is with us today. Believers are God's temple (see 1 Cor. 6:19). This means that He resides within each one of us through the Holy Spirit! Remind students that God's Spirit guides us and empowers us to follow the Lord.

## APPLICATION

- How can we remind ourselves of the Lord's presence with us throughout this week?

## THE WIN

**FOR THE STUDENT:** Through Christ, God has created a way for us to approach Him and His Holy Spirit is with us.

**FOR THE LEADER:** Passages about the construction of the tabernacle and consecration of priests may feel difficult for students to work through. Help them to see God's desire for His people to approach Him and have a relationship with Him.

## 7 ARROWS

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↻ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?