

THE GOD WHO WALKS WITH US

*A Seven-Chapter Family Reflection Journey
Through the Feast of Tabernacles*



**Remember His faithfulness. Trust His provision.
Welcome His presence. Walk forward with hope.**

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Welcome to the Journey

The Feast of Tabernacles invites families to enter one of Scripture's great journeys: the movement from slavery to freedom, from fear to trust, from temporary shelters to the promise of God's eternal dwelling.

This journal is written as a story because faith is formed through stories. Israel remembered not only commands but a road—the night they left Egypt, the sea that opened, the wilderness that tested them, the bread that appeared, and the presence that remained. Later generations entered that story by building sukkahs, celebrating the harvest, and telling their children what God had done.

The seven chapters are designed to be read slowly. Read the Scripture passages from your preferred Bible translation. Let the narrative awaken imagination without confusing devotional description with

additional biblical detail. Then pause for personal writing, family conversation, activity, and prayer.

You do not need to complete every prompt. Younger children may draw while older family members write. A family may spend one evening on a chapter or return to it throughout the week. The goal is not to finish quickly. The goal is to notice the God who walks with His people.

Scripture quotations and short excerpts in this journal use the King James Version. Narrative portions paraphrase the biblical accounts and clearly identify interpretive connections where needed.

THE SEVEN MOVEMENTS: 1) God delivers. 2) God guides. 3) God provides. 4) God dwells among His people. 5) God teaches us to remember. 6) God comes near. 7) God will dwell with His people forever.

CHAPTER 1

The Night They Left

Deliverance is the beginning of a journey.



Scripture Focus: Exodus 12:31-42; 14:10-31

Key Truth: God makes a way forward, even when fear says there is no way.

The Story

The night Israel left Egypt did not begin quietly. For generations, the people had lived beneath the weight of slavery. Their work was demanded, their sons had been threatened, and their cries had risen to God. Then the Lord acted. After the final plague, Pharaoh ordered the Israelites to leave. Families gathered what they could carry. Bread dough had no time to rise. Parents called their children close, neighbors moved together, and a people who had known bondage stepped toward an unfamiliar freedom.

The road out of Egypt must have carried more than belongings. It carried memories of pain, questions about the future, and the fragile hope that life could truly be different. Deliverance had come, but the people did not yet know what freedom would require. They knew what they were leaving. They did not know every detail of where they were going.

Soon the sound of Pharaoh's army rose behind them. The sea stretched before them, and the wilderness offered no obvious escape. Fear changed the people's memory. Egypt, the place of oppression, suddenly seemed safer than the uncertainty ahead. They cried

out to Moses as though the absence of a visible road meant the absence of God.

But God had not brought them out to abandon them at the water's edge. Moses told the people to stand firm and watch the Lord deliver them. God opened a path through the sea. The people crossed on dry ground, and the power that had pursued them could not carry them back into slavery.

That crossing became one of Israel's defining memories. God had heard. God had acted. God had made a way where the people could not make one for themselves. Yet the sea did not place them immediately in the Promised Land. On the other side waited a wilderness; a place where freedom would deepen into trust.

Our own new beginnings can feel like that night. We may pray for change and then feel frightened when change arrives. We may leave a harmful pattern but miss its familiarity. We may obey God without receiving a map of every next step. The Exodus reminds us that deliverance is not merely escape from something; it is an invitation to walk with God into something new.

Through Jesus Christ, the story of deliverance reaches the human heart. Christ does not only improve our circumstances. He frees us from sin's rule and calls us into a new way of life. We do not have to return to what once held us. The God who opened the sea is still able to lead His people forward.

DID YOU KNOW?

Chapter 1 - The Night They Left



God's deliverance began a journey of trust.

Exodus 12:31-42; 14:13-31

AMAZING FACT: Israel left Egypt after generations of slavery. When the sea blocked the road and Pharaoh's army approached, God made a way forward. Freedom

did not remove every challenge, but it revealed that God was able to lead His people into a new beginning.

WHAT THIS REVEALS: God delivers. He does not promise that every road will be easy, but He invites His people to follow Him beyond fear.

CHRIST CONNECTION: Through Jesus, God offers freedom from sin and a new life with Him.

TALK TOGETHER: What fear or old habit might God be asking you to leave behind?

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FAMILY ACTIVITY

Chapter 1 - The Night They Left



Freedom Doorway

YOU WILL NEED: A doorway; two paper signs; crayons or markers

DO IT TOGETHER

1. Label one sign “What We Are Leaving” and the other “Where God Is Leading.”
2. Let each person write or draw one fear, habit, or burden to place by the first sign.
3. Walk through the doorway together and name one hopeful step forward.
4. Read Exodus 14:13–14 and thank God for making a way.

Talk Together: What does trusting God look like when a new beginning feels uncertain?

Pray Together: God, give us courage to follow You into freedom and trust You with the road ahead.

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Pause and Reflect

Move slowly through these questions. Write honestly; this space is for conversation with God, not polished answers.

1. What “Egypt” has God helped you leave—a fear, habit, relationship pattern, or way of thinking?

2. Where are you tempted to choose familiar bondage over unfamiliar freedom?

3. What faithful next step can you take even though you cannot see the whole road?

CHAPTER 2

The Road Through the Wilderness

Guidance often comes one step at a time.



The Story

Beyond the sea, the landscape changed. Egypt's buildings and fields disappeared behind Israel, and the wilderness opened before them. There were no familiar roads leading all the way to the destination. The people could not depend on landmarks they already knew. They had to learn a new way of traveling.

God did not hand Moses a map showing every campsite, delay, and difficulty. Instead, the Lord went before the people in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. The cloud was both guidance and assurance. Israel did not travel alone. The God who had delivered them now chose to lead them.

This required more than movement. It also required waiting. When the cloud lifted, the people packed their tents and followed. When it remained, they stayed—even if they did not understand why. Sometimes the journey continued quickly. At other times, the camp remained in place. Faithfulness meant learning both

rhythms: go when God leads and remain when He says to wait.

Waiting can feel unproductive. We often prefer a clear plan, a quick answer, or visible progress. Israel's wilderness journey reminds us that stillness under God's direction is not wasted time. A pause can become a place of preparation. A delay can protect us from a road we are not ready to travel. Waiting can teach us to value God's presence more than our preferred schedule.

The wilderness also exposed how easily fear speaks when the future is unclear. The people sometimes interpreted difficulty as abandonment. Yet the cloud remained. Their questions did not erase God's presence, and their limited understanding did not limit His knowledge of the road.

Families also travel through uncertain seasons. A move, illness, job change, loss, new responsibility, or unanswered prayer can make the future feel like open wilderness. We may not receive the whole plan. Often God gives enough light for the next faithful step.

Jesus invited people to follow Him in this same posture of trust. Following Christ is not controlling the journey; it is learning His voice, receiving His wisdom through Scripture, and responding with obedience. He is not only waiting at the destination. He walks with us on the road.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Chapter 2 - The Road Through the Wilderness



Follow the Guide

YOU WILL NEED: A safe accessible area; a scarf or simple path markers

DO IT TOGETHER

1. Create a short, safe path around the room or yard.
2. Choose one family member as the guide while the others follow attentively.
3. Pause along the route to practice waiting as well as moving.
4. Read Exodus 13:21–22 and discuss how God guided Israel.

TALK TOGETHER: Why can waiting for guidance be as important as moving?

PRAY TOGETHER: Lord, help us notice Your direction and follow You one step at a time.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Chapter 2 - The Road Through the Wilderness



Did You Know?

God guided Israel with cloud and fire.

Exodus 13:17-22

AMAZING FACT: Israel entered the wilderness without a map of the entire journey. The Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. They learned to move when He led and to wait when He remained.

WHAT THIS REVEALS: God guides. We may not see the whole road, but we can trust the One who goes before us.

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus calls His followers to walk with Him one faithful step at a time.

TALK TOGETHER: Where does your family need God's guidance right now?

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Pause and Reflect

Move slowly through these questions. Write honestly; this space is for conversation with God, not polished answers.

1. Where in your life do you want a complete map instead of the next faithful step?

2. Is God asking you to move, wait, seek counsel, or pay closer attention?

3. What evidence of God's guidance can you remember from an earlier season?

CHAPTER 3

Bread for Today

Dependence turns each day into a gift.



Scripture Focus: Exodus 16:1–18; 17:1–7; John 6:35

KEY TRUTH: God's provision may not arrive as we expect, but His care meets us in the journey.

The Story

Freedom did not keep Israel from becoming hungry. The food carried from Egypt eventually ran low, and the wilderness did not appear able to feed such a great company. Hunger narrowed the people's vision. They remembered Egypt's food but forgot the cost at which they had eaten it. They complained to Moses and wondered whether God had brought them into the desert to die.

God answered with provision they had never seen. In the morning, a fine substance covered the ground. The people asked, "What is it?"—and that question became its name: manna. Moses explained that it was bread the Lord had given them to eat.

The instructions were simple but searching. Each household was to gather what it needed. The people were not to hoard ordinary days' manna for the next morning. When some tried, it spoiled. God was teaching a daily rhythm of receiving. Every dawn invited fresh dependence.

Later, thirst brought another crisis. At Rephidim there was no water, and the people again feared that need meant abandonment. God instructed Moses to strike the rock at Horeb, and water came out for the people to drink. The wilderness could not supply what Israel required, but the wilderness did not limit God.

Provision does not always mean abundance stored far into the future. Sometimes it is strength for today, wisdom for one conversation, help from another person, or peace that allows us to take the next step. Daily bread teaches us to notice what has been given rather than live entirely inside tomorrow's fear.

This does not make planning wrong or hardship simple. Scripture honors wise stewardship, and some needs remain painful. The lesson is not that faithful people never struggle. It is that need can become a place where we bring our whole lives honestly before God and learn to receive His care in many forms.

Jesus later called Himself the Bread of Life. The One who supplies our needs also offers Himself. Christ meets a hunger that food, success, and possessions cannot satisfy—the hunger for forgiveness, belonging,

truth, and life with God. The question of manna remains: Will we receive what God gives today?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Chapter 3 - Bread for Today



Manna for Today

YOU WILL NEED: Small paper circles; basket; pencils or crayons

DO IT TOGETHER

1. Pretend the paper circles are pieces of manna.
2. On each piece, write or draw one need God supplies each day.

3. Gather the pieces into a family basket.
4. Choose one blessing your family can share with someone else this week.

Talk Together: What is the difference between today's need and tomorrow's worry?

Pray Together: *Provider God, give us our daily bread and make us generous with what You give.*

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DID YOU KNOW?

Chapter 3 - Bread for Today



Did You Know?

Manna taught Israel to depend on God daily.

Exodus 16:1-18; 17:1-7

AMAZING FACT: When food became scarce, God covered the ground with manna. When water was unavailable, He brought water from the rock. His provision arrived in ways the people could not create for themselves.

WHAT THIS REVEALS: God provides. Manna taught Israel to receive each day as a gift instead of trying to control the entire future.

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus taught His disciples to pray for daily bread and revealed Himself as the Bread of Life.

Talk Together: What daily need can your family place

in God's hands?

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Pause and Reflect

Move slowly through these questions. Write honestly; this space is for conversation with God, not polished answers.

1. What need is occupying the largest space in your thoughts today?

2. Where have you recently received “daily bread”—strength, help, wisdom, friendship, or an unexpected resource?

3. What would trusting God for today look like without pretending tomorrow’s concerns are unimportant?

CHAPTER 4

A Dwelling in the Middle of the Camp

God's greatest gift is His presence.



**Scripture Focus: Exodus 25:8–9; Numbers 2:17;
Exodus 40:34–38**

Key Truth: God did not merely send help from a distance; He chose to dwell among His people.

The Story

As Israel camped in the wilderness, the tents of the tribes formed an ordered community. At the heart of the camp stood something unlike an ordinary family tent: the Tabernacle, the sacred dwelling God instructed Moses to build.

Its materials, furnishings, priests, and sacrifices taught Israel that the holy God desired to be known among His people. His presence was not casual or controllable. It called for reverence, obedience, worship, and mercy. Yet the astonishing truth remained: the Creator chose to place His dwelling in the midst of a wandering people.

When the work was completed, the cloud covered the tent of meeting and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle. The cloud that had led Israel on the road now rested over the place of worship. When it lifted, the camp moved. When it remained, the people stayed. Guidance and presence belonged together.

The Tabernacle stood in the middle of real community life. Around it were meals, disagreements, tired parents, restless children, work, illness, worship, and ordinary routines. God's dwelling was not reserved for a people who had already reached perfect

circumstances. He met them while they were still becoming a nation and still learning to trust.

We often imagine that closeness with God belongs only to extraordinary moments—a powerful service, a quiet retreat, or a season when life feels orderly. The wilderness says otherwise. God makes Himself known in the middle of the journey. His presence does not remove every difficulty, but it changes the meaning of the road. We are not abandoned travelers. We are people among whom God desires to dwell.

John's Gospel announces the greater wonder: the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. In Jesus, God came near in human life. Christ walked roads, entered homes, touched the suffering, welcomed children, forgave sinners, and revealed the Father.

Through the Holy Spirit, believers are now called God's dwelling place. This is not a reason for pride; it is an invitation to welcome His transforming presence into our relationships, choices, work, worship, and hidden thoughts. God belongs at the center—not as decoration, but as Lord.

Pause and Reflect

Move slowly through these questions. Write honestly; this space is for conversation with God, not polished answers.

1. What currently occupies the center of your attention, schedule, and decisions?

2. Where have you assumed that ordinary or difficult circumstances prevent you from meeting with God?

3. What practice could help you welcome God's presence into daily family life?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Chapter 4 - A Dwelling in the Middle of the Camp



God at the Center

YOU WILL NEED: Bible; candle or battery light; family objects or photographs.

DO IT TOGETHER

1. Place the Bible and light in the center of a table.
2. Arrange family objects around them to represent your home and daily responsibilities.
3. Take turns naming one way to welcome God into each part of family life.
4. **Read Exodus 40:34–38 and spend one quiet minute**
recognizing God's presence.

TALK TOGETHER: What changes when we remember that God is present in ordinary moments?

PRAY TOGETHER: *God, be at the center of our home,*

choices, relationships, and worship.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Chapter 4 - A Dwelling in the Middle of the Camp



Did You Know?

The Tabernacle stood at the heart of Israel's camp.

Exodus 25:8-9; 40:34-38

AMAZING FACT: God instructed Israel to build the Tabernacle, a sacred tent where His presence would be known among them. When the cloud lifted, the people traveled. When it remained, they stayed.

WHAT THIS REVEALS: God is present. His greatest gift was not only food, water, or direction. It was His nearness.

CHRIST CONNECTION: Through Jesus Christ, believers are reconciled to God, and through the Holy Spirit, they enjoy an ongoing relationship with Him.

Talk Together: How can your family make God the center of everyday life?

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CHAPTER 5

The Shelter That Told a Story

Remembering turns history into living faith.



**Scripture Focus: Leviticus 23:33–43;
Deuteronomy 16:13–15**

KEY TRUTH: God gives His people practices that help them remember, give thanks, and tell the next generation.

The Story

Years after the first wilderness camps, Israel's children and grandchildren needed to remember a journey they had not personally walked. They lived in the land, gathered crops, built homes, and knew forms of stability their ancestors had lacked. Prosperity brought blessing, but it also brought the danger of forgetting.

God gave Israel an annual practice of remembrance. During the Feast of Tabernacles—Sukkot—the people celebrated for seven days after gathering produce from the threshing floor and winepress. They rejoiced with family members, servants, Levites, foreigners, orphans, and widows. Joy was meant to widen the circle.

For the feast, native-born Israelites lived in booths, or sukkot. The temporary shelters testified that God had made Israel dwell in booths when He brought them out of Egypt. The feast joined harvest gratitude to wilderness memory. Families surrounded by abundance stepped into fragile shelters and remembered dependence.

Imagine a child asking why the family was eating beneath branches instead of a solid roof. The question opened a door for testimony: "Our people were once

enslaved, and God rescued us. They crossed the sea, and God made a way. They traveled through wilderness, and God guided them. They had no fields, but God fed them. Their shelters were temporary, but His faithfulness was not.”

The shelter told the story because people forget. Pain can make us forget earlier deliverance. Comfort can make us forget dependence. Success can make us imagine that every blessing came from our strength alone. Biblical remembrance does more than collect pleasant memories. It names God’s faithfulness and allows the past to shape present trust.

Families need practices of remembrance. A testimony written down, an answered prayer marked in a journal, a meal of thanksgiving, a photograph with its story, or an annual celebration can become a shelter that tells. Children and adults alike need to hear not only what the family survived, but how God met them there.

The Christian reading of Sukkot also looks toward Christ, in whom God came to dwell among humanity. The shelter’s message reaches beyond nostalgia. God has always desired a people who remember His works, receive His presence, and live with grateful joy.

Pause and Reflect

Move slowly through these questions. Write honestly; this space is for conversation with God, not polished answers.

1. Which story of God's faithfulness must not be lost in your family?

2. Has comfort, success, or busyness caused you to forget dependence on God?

3. What practice of remembrance could your household repeat each year?

DID YOU KNOW?

Chapter 5 - The Shelter That Told a Story



Did You Know?

**A sukkah helped each generation
Remember.**

Leviticus 23:33-43; Deuteronomy 16:13-15

AMAZING FACT: During Sukkot, Israel lived in booths for seven days and celebrated after gathering the

harvest. The temporary shelter reminded later generations of the Exodus journey and God's care for His people.

WHAT THIS REVEALS: God teaches us to remember. Gratitude grows when we tell the story of His faithfulness.

CHRIST CONNECTION: The celebration prepares us to recognize God's desire to dwell with His people.

TALK TOGETHER: Which story of God's faithfulness should your family preserve?

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FAMILY ACTIVITY

Chapter 5 - The Shelter That Told a Story



Build a Memory Shelter

YOU WILL NEED: Chairs and blankets, or craft sticks, paper, leaves, and branches

DO IT TOGETHER

1. Build a simple temporary shelter or miniature sukkah.
2. Gather inside or around it and read Leviticus 23:42–43.
3. Each person shares one story of God's provision or protection.
4. Write the stories on paper leaves and attach them to the shelter.

Talk Together: Why did God give His people a physical way to remember?

Pray Together: *Faithful God, help our family remember and retell the ways You have cared for us.*

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CHAPTER 6

God Comes Near

The promise of presence takes on flesh.



SCRIPTURE FOCUS: John 1:14; John 7:2, 37-39

KEY TRUTH: In Jesus Christ, God came near and opened the way for His Spirit to dwell within His people.

The Story

The story of Scripture carries a longing: God desires to dwell with His people, yet sin fractures communion with Him. The Tabernacle made God's presence known in Israel's camp. The Temple later became the center of worship in Jerusalem. Still, the prophets and promises pointed toward something greater than any structure made by human hands.

John begins his Gospel by announcing that the eternal Word became flesh and dwelt among us. The Greek verb translated "dwelt" can carry the sense of pitching a tent or tabernacling. Christians have long heard in John's words an echo of God dwelling among Israel. The text does not name Sukkot in this verse, so the connection should be received as theological reflection rather than a claim about the date of Jesus' birth.

God came near in Jesus. He entered human weakness without sharing human sin. He knew hunger, weariness, grief, rejection, friendship, celebration, and suffering. He did not approach humanity from a safe distance. He walked among ordinary people and revealed the character of the Father.

Later, John places Jesus in Jerusalem during the Feast of Tabernacles. On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and called the thirsty to come to Him and drink. He promised rivers of living water for those who believed. John explains that Jesus was speaking about the Spirit.

Ancient Jewish sources describe a water-libation practice at the Temple during Sukkot. That tradition may help readers appreciate the setting, but John does not explicitly say the ceremony caused Jesus' declaration. What John does make clear is the meaning of Jesus' invitation: Christ gives the Spirit and answers spiritual thirst.

The human heart reaches for many wells—approval, achievement, possessions, control, distraction, even religious activity without relationship. Some offer temporary relief, but they cannot create life with God. Jesus does not shame thirsty people. He invites them to come.

Living water is not a promise that believers will never feel sorrow or need. It is the promise that the Spirit of God is present within them, renewing, comforting, correcting, empowering, and making their lives a

source of blessing. The God who dwelt among Israel has come near through Christ and makes His home in those who trust Him.

Pause and Reflect

Move slowly through these questions. Write honestly; this space is for conversation with God, not polished answers.

1. What temporary “well” do you visit when your heart is tired or empty?

2. Where do you need the renewing work of the Holy Spirit?

3. How could your life become a source of encouragement and refreshment to someone else?

DID YOU KNOW?

Chapter 6 - God Comes Near



**Jesus came to dwell among us.
and offered living water.**

John 1:14; 7:37-39

AMAZING FACT: John says that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Later, during the Feast of Tabernacles, Jesus invited the thirsty to come to Him and drink. John explains that Jesus was speaking about the Spirit.

WHAT THIS REVEALS: God comes near. He meets the deepest thirst of the human heart with His presence and grace.

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus is Emmanuel—God with us —and the source of true spiritual life.

TALK TOGETHER: Where do you need Christ to refresh your heart?

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FAMILY ACTIVITY

Chapter 6 - God Comes Near



Living Water Prayer

YOU WILL NEED: Clear pitcher of water; cups; paper water drops

DO IT TOGETHER

1. Pour water into a cup for each family member.
2. Discuss why water is necessary for physical life.
3. Write a spiritual need—peace, forgiveness, hope, strength, or guidance—on a paper drop.

4. Read John 7:37–39, then drink the water as a reminder of Jesus' invitation.

Talk Together: What are some temporary things people use to satisfy a spiritual thirst?

Pray Together: *Jesus, our Living Water, refresh us through Your Spirit and help us bless others.*

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CHAPTER 7

The Dwelling That Will Never End

The temporary journey opens into eternal hope.



SCRIPTURE FOCUS: Zechariah 14:16; Revelation 21:1-4

KEY TRUTH: The Bible's story ends not with abandonment, but with God dwelling forever with His people.

The Story

A sukkah is temporary by design. Its branches dry. Its walls come down. Families return to their houses, and another year begins. Yet the temporary shelter points beyond itself. It teaches that no earthly structure, possession, season, or sorrow is permanent. God alone is eternal, and His promise reaches beyond the wilderness.

The prophets connected the Feast of Tabernacles with future hope. Zechariah envisioned nations coming to worship the King. The details of prophetic fulfillment are interpreted in different ways by faithful Christians, but the direction is clear: God's reign extends beyond one family or nation, and His purposes move toward worship, justice, and peace.

The final chapters of Revelation bring the theme of dwelling to its fulfillment. John sees a new heaven and a new earth and hears that God's dwelling is with humanity. Death, mourning, crying, and pain will not have the final word. The One seated on the throne makes all things new.

The Bible's story has traveled a long road to this promise. A people fled Egypt beneath the shadow of fear. They crossed the sea and entered wilderness. They received bread in the morning and water in a dry place. They followed cloud and fire. They camped around the Tabernacle. They built shelters so their children would remember. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. The Spirit became living water within believers. At last, every temporary sign gives way to lasting communion with God.

Christian hope is not denial. We do not pretend suffering is small or grief is easy. Revelation names tears because tears are real. Hope declares that sorrow is not sovereign. God is moving history toward restoration in Christ.

This future hope changes present life. If God's Kingdom is marked by His presence, worship, justice, peace, holiness, welcome, and healed relationship, then believers are called to offer glimpses of that Kingdom now. We forgive because reconciliation belongs to God's future. We welcome because the nations are invited to worship. We care for creation

because God renews His world. We comfort the grieving because death will not reign forever.

The journey that began on the night Israel left Egypt ends with a home that can never be lost. The wilderness was temporary. God's presence was not. Through Jesus Christ, we walk forward with confidence—not because we know every turn in the road, but because we know the One who walks with us.

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Pause and Reflect

Move slowly through these questions. Write honestly; this space is for conversation with God, not polished answers.

1. Which temporary circumstance have you begun to treat as though it will define your whole story?

2. How does the promise of God's eternal presence speak to a present grief or uncertainty?

3. What Kingdom value—peace, justice, generosity, holiness, welcome, or hope—can you practice this week?

DID YOU KNOW?

Chapter 7 - The Dwelling That Will Never End



Did You Know?

**Sukkot points toward God's eternal dwelling.
Revelation 21:1-4; Zechariah 14:16**

AMAZING FACT: The Bible's story moves from temporary wilderness dwellings toward a renewed creation where God dwells with His people. Revelation promises an end to death, mourning, crying, and pain.

WHAT THIS REVEALS: God gives hope. Temporary seasons do not have the final word; His Kingdom and presence endure.

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus is the coming King who makes eternal life with God possible.

Talk Together: How can your family represent God's Kingdom today?

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FAMILY ACTIVITY

Chapter 7 - The Dwelling That Will Never End



Kingdom Builders

YOU WILL NEED: Large paper; crayons, markers, or collage materials

DO IT TOGETHER

1. Draw a community that reflects God's coming Kingdom.
2. Add pictures of peace, worship, welcome, generosity, healing, and creation restored.
3. Let each person choose one Kingdom value to practice this week.
4. **Read Revelation 21:3-4 and place the picture where the family can see it.**

Talk Together: How can our choices give others a glimpse of God's Kingdom?

Pray Together: *Coming King, help us live with hope and show Your love, justice, peace, and welcome today.*

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The Journey Continues

The story began with a people leaving bondage beneath the cover of night. It carried them through water, wilderness, hunger, waiting, worship, remembrance, and hope. At every stage, the central character was not the wilderness. It was the faithful God who walked with His people.

The shelters were temporary. The manna lasted for a day. The cloud lifted and moved. Generations rose and passed away. Yet God's purpose remained: to make Himself known, to draw near, to redeem, and to dwell with His people.

Through Jesus Christ, God has come near. Through the Spirit, His presence is at work within believers. Through the promise of the new creation, we look

toward the day when every wilderness is behind us and God's dwelling with His people will never end.

Until that day, remember. Trust. Welcome His presence. Share the story. Practice the values of His Kingdom. The road may change, but the God who walks with us remains faithful.

FINAL TRUTH: The wilderness was temporary. God's presence was not—and it never will be.

Closing Prayer

Faithful God, thank You for walking with us through every season. Keep us from returning to what You have freed us from. Guide us when the road is unclear, provide what we need for today, and make Your presence the center of our lives. Help us remember Your works, receive the life You give through Christ and live with hope in Your coming Kingdom. May our family become a living testimony that You are faithful. Amen.