

**GOD'S PEOPLE ARE MARKED  
BY HIS PRESENCE****BIG TRUTH: GOD'S PEOPLE ARE MARKED BY HIS PRESENCE**

Exodus 29:45; 1 Kings 6:13; Numbers 14:14; Jeremiah 24:7; Ezekiel 37:27; Zechariah 8:8

**BIBLE VERSE: JOSHUA 1:9**

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

**BIG IDEAS**

- God's presence is what sets His people apart.
- God's presence is the focus of His people's worship.
- God's presence is both protection and provision for His people.

**BIBLE PASSAGE: EXODUS 33:1-17****UNITE: LIVING IN COMMUNITY**

The Unite year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are brought into the family of God- seen throughout the Old Testament as "God's People" and in the New Testament and today as the church (Exodus 6:7; Colossians 1:18). We are set free from our sin to walk in freedom in Christ (Galatians 5:1) and use our influence to call others to do the same.

**SERIES AIMS****Every student should know...**

- God has always been making and keeping a people for Himself
- In this age, the church is God's people
- Being a part of God's people should inform every aspect of our lives

**Every student should feel...**

- Love for God and the people of God
- Accountable to God and to the church to pursue holiness
- Responsible to use their influence to make much of God alone

**Every student should strive to...**

- Study the connections between God's people in the Old Testament
- and the church in the New Testament
- Memorize the Bible verse each week
- Invite others into God's people, the church

**Every student should want...**

- Be marked by their faith
- Talk about God every day, in every setting and circle of influence
- Live as a faithful member of their local church

**STUDENT WORKOUT:**

This week we will ponder the truth that God's people are marked by His presence. We will pray for a greater understanding of what it means to be marked by God's presence as we practice living set apart for Him.

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**Read Exodus 33:1-17 and answer the questions below in your journal:**

- In Exodus 33:1-6, what words are used to describe the Israelites? What does this reveal about the Israelites' character and behavior toward the Lord?
- In Exodus 33:7-11, how is the presence of the Lord described? How did the people respond to the presence of the Lord?
- What is significant about the way God interacted with Moses?
- In Exodus 33:12-17, what are the reasons that Moses asks for the Lord's presence to go with them?

**Read and meditate on Exodus 33:1-17 this week. Answer these questions:**

- Ponder the truth that God's presence sets you apart from others. How do you live in a way that proves this to be true?
- Consider the truth that God's presence gives provision and protection. How do you trust in the provision and protection of God?
- Ponder how you can grow in your understanding of what God's presence brings to your life.



**Spend time in prayer this week.**

- Pray with your mom and dad for a heart that seeks to live set apart for the Lord, showing the world that His presence is in you.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to understand and recognize the provision and protection of God in your life.



**Memorize Joshua 1:9 this week**

- Memorize Joshua 1:9 this week by writing the verse on an index card or putting it in your phone. Ask your parents or a friend to hold you accountable to memorize it.
- Make a list of the ways God has provided for you. Share some of the things with other people and thank the Lord together for His work in your life.
- Meet with your small group leader to discuss the ways that the presence of the Lord sets you apart from others. Make a list of ways that your life is lived differently from your friends who are not Jesus followers. Discuss ways that you can continue to live as a follower of Jesus.