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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

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter the truth that Jesus' followers are set apart by God's presence. We will pray with our son or daughter, asking the Holy Spirit to guide them to live as people who are set apart. We will lead them to practice trusting the provision and protection of God's presence in their life.

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

- In Exodus 33:1-6, how are the Israelites described? What is significant about this description?
- How do the Israelites miss that God's presence is His provision and protection?
- In Exodus 33:7-11, how is the presence of the Lord described? How do Moses and the Israelites respond to this presence?
- Why does God interact with Moses the way that He does?
- In Exodus 33:12-17, what does Moses ask of God? Why is this worth taking note of?

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

- Ponder how to discuss with your son or daughter what it means to be set apart by God's presence. How can you model living set apart by God's presence?
- Consider how to discuss with your son or daughter the truth that God's presence means He provides for them. How can you help them see the provision of God in their lives?
- Ponder how to help your son or daughter understand that God protects them no matter their obedience. How can you help them see the protection of God in their daily lives?



Pray with your son or daughter this week.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to help them see God's protection and provision in their daily lives.
- Pray with your student this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your student to live as one who is set apart, revealing to the world that God is with them.



Memorize Joshua 1:9 with your son or daughter this week.

- Write the verse on an index card and review it each day until it is memorized.
- Help your son or daughter create a list of ways God provides and protects them. Share with them some of the ways that God protects and provides for your family.
- Meet with your student to discuss some practical ways that he or she can live set apart this week. Help them think of practical ways to live as a follower of Jesus.