

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | 1 Kings 8:3-11,54-63

SESSION SUMMARY

In today's session, we see King Solomon finally dedicate the temple he built, based on God's allowance and his father's instructions. These passages remind us how God's presence was always with His people, and it is still with us today through the Holy Spirit. As we study, we will see that although He is high above us, God desires to dwell with us. These are the key themes:

- God always dwelled with His people (1 Kings 8:3-11).
- We're now God's temple (1 Kings 8:54-63).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- Where does our family feel most connected to one another? To God?
- How often do we think of the fact that God deserves our respect?
- What are some ways we can show Him that respect?
- Why is it important for us to understand and live like we're now God's temple?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Have you ever done "spring cleaning" or cleaned out items you don't use anymore as the seasons change or even as you prepare for Christmas? We're constantly growing and changing, and as we do, we may need to replace something old with something new—whether it's an item of clothing, shoes, or even a hobby. Our lives are constantly being shaped, and this is true spiritually too. Give each person a sheet of paper and a writing utensil. Everyone will draw a house with a line through the middle, creating a first and second floor. Invite everyone to think about what God might be telling them to keep and what they might need to let go of—what He wants to cleanse them from. Write items/habits to keep in the first floor area and items to let go of in the second. Allow family members to share; then pray together over the changes you want God to make in your lives.