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Old Testament 2

Law/Gospel

My sin makes me unholy and separates me from God; I am unworthy to stand in His presence. **God cleanses me, makes me holy, and dwells in me through the once-for-all sacrifice of Christ.**

Bible Words

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!

Psalm 107:1

A New Temple

Want to know more about the holy house God is building through Christ? Check out Ephesians 2:19–22 and 2 Corinthians 6:16–18.

Worship in the Tabernacle

Exodus 40

At God's command, the Israelites made the first sanctuary to worship the Lord, a tent called a tabernacle. *Tabernacle* means "dwelling." God told the Israelites to set the tabernacle in the center of their camp. He dwelt there, and met Moses and Aaron there. God was with them!

In fact, the sanctuary and all its parts reminded the people that God was with them. Later, the three temples built after the children of Israel settled in the Promised Land followed these same directions.

Jesus was called Immanuel, which means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23). Through Christ, God dwells among us and within us. Jesus "tabernacles" with us.

Christ is building us into a holy temple in the Lord, a dwelling place for God the Spirit. Jesus, the cornerstone, holds the temple together.

Help Children Worship

A family recently welcomed two preschoolers into their home and church family. The children had never been to a worship service because their former church separated them from adults during worship time.

What joy to see children excited to hear God's Word and worship Him! Here are some things the family said they learned.

- Sit where children can see. They pay more attention when they can.
- Go with them to the children's sermon. Help them listen/respond.
- Bring drawing paper and crayons. Suggest they draw what they see.
- Try to prepare children for different parts of worship ahead of time and answer questions during the service in a quiet whisper.
- Model and encourage participation. Help readers follow along with hymns, Bible readings, and other printed parts of the service.
- Help children memorize the Lord's Prayer and Apostles' Creed at home so they can participate when we speak these in worship.

In worship, children learn they belong to Jesus and are welcome in His church. Enriched by Christian art and music, they hear Bible readings, witness Baptisms, and experience Holy Communion—all ways God communicates with His people. Children discover they are valued and loved by God and His people.

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