

# HOME

Brainstorm everything you know about homes throughout generations. Consider functions, materials, distinguishing parts, and building practices & methods.

Think of stories that have a plot of running away from or journeying back home. What feelings do they awaken?

Explore this Hebrew word & picture:  
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Brainstorm stories in the Bible that take place in a home. Read this selection of verses and ponder God's purpose for this theme in his story:

The Old Testament tabernacle & temple were illustrations pointing to Jesus as our dwelling place. Read the following verses and ponder how each part represents God:

Exodus 12:21-28  
Matthew 7:21-27  
Luke 15:11-32  
John 14:1-7, 23  
Acts 2:1-4, 44-46  
2 Corinthians 5:1-10  
Revelation 21:1-7

Tent: Hebrews 9:11  
Temple: John 2:18-22  
Foundation: 1 Cor 3:10-17, 6:19  
Cornerstone: Eph 2:18-22  
Door: John 10:9  
Key: Revelation 3:7  
Builder: Hebrews 3:1-6

Take some time to ponder on all you've learned.  
How do homes give glory to Jesus & illustrate His story?  
Have you made any new discoveries?

## ENGAGE IN WONDER

How do homes illustrate God's living story? Ponder everything you've learned.

Here are some additional questions to ignite your curiosity and imagination:

- God's physical illustrations are always pointing to spiritual parallels. We have a natural longing for "home" that we can never seem to satisfy. What is that revealing?
- Our homes need frequent repair and upkeep, are not always the safe and comfortable place we hope for, and/or can be lost altogether. How is this significant in God's story?
- The temporary shelters constructed for the Feast of Tabernacles commemorate the years spent wandering in the wilderness. Read Ezra 8:14-18 and consider the connection to modern day refugee camps.
- God does not dwell in temples made by man (Acts 17:24). Since Jesus' resurrection, where does his Spirit reside?
- Ponder the similarities and differences of single family houses and the Temple. Together, those who have given their lives to Jesus are referred to as the Body of Christ and his Temple. With the theme of home in mind, how do these connect?
- Jesus is the Door into himself, the Temple. So why do you think he says, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." Rev 3:20?