

# Activity 16

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Kids

How did God make his presence known to the family-nation of Israel?

While Israel camped in tents, God's presence dwelt in a tent as well, the tabernacle.

*Tent building contest*

## **Materials**

- a lot of long branches
- one tarp for each child
- some rope or paracord

## **Instructions**

1. Head out to the great outdoors with your kiddos! Let them know that you'll each be building a tent.
2. Help each kid imagine and construct a tent using the branches and the tarp. These don't have to be all that intricate. We just need a simple lean-to with a tarp strung over it.
3. Make sure the shelters' openings are facing each other so you can talk about it.

4. Ask your kids what would be different if you needed to live in a tent full time. What would be fun? What would be difficult? What would be scary?
5. Remind kids that God sent Israel to the wilderness in order to learn to depend fully on him.

### **Point**

This is a great way to spend time imagining Israel's life together in the wilderness. Help your kids understand that the point of their wandering wasn't the wilderness itself, rather it was depending on God.

