

# Growing Together

**God's People in the Wilderness 9:**  
God guides his people.

**Bible Story**  
God leads the people with pillars of cloud and fire (Exodus 13:17-22; 40:36-38).

**Bible Verse**  
"He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name" (Psalm 23:3).

## In Touch

Today your child learned that God guides his people both in miraculous ways and in the everyday events of life. Because we are God's people, we can depend on God to guide our steps no matter where we go. Use these activities to teach your child about God's guidance.

### Family Fun

Dip your finger in orange, apple, or lemon juice, and write a message on paper directing your child to a fun treat. The note will be invisible when it dries. Have your child carefully hold the note near a light bulb or above a warm toaster until the message becomes visible. While you enjoy the treat, talk about how God will always reveal what he wants us to do and where he wants us to go.

### Chalk Guides

Use this recipe to make nonedible sidewalk chalk: 2 cups plaster of Paris, 1 cup cool water, and 2 tablespoons powdered tempera paint. Mix together and pour into plastic foam cups. Dry thoroughly. Peel the cup away from the chalk a little at a time as you use it so that the cup forms a casing for your chalk. Draw an intricate maze with your chalk, and use it to guide your family to a hidden treat. Talk about how God guides us to good things.

### Science Guides

Compasses have guided travelers for centuries. A compass needle always points toward the magnetic north pole of the earth. Use a compass to teach about God's perfect guidance. You can make your own compass by magnetizing a sewing needle. Rub the needle on a magnet. Put it into a clear plastic bowl of water. It will point north! Take your compass to a local park and practice finding north. Talk with your child about how God always leads us toward what is right and good and true.

### More Like Jesus

Use this craft to teach your child that when we follow God's guidance, we become more like Jesus. Straighten the hook of a small wire hanger. Help your child bend the triangle part of the hanger into a heart shape. Put the hook end in a flower pot, anchor it with small rocks, and fill the pot with potting soil. Plant a small ivy plant in the soil, and wrap the ivy around the wire frame. Explain to your child that as the plant grows, it will follow the guidance of the wire. Have your child continue to train the ivy to wrap around the wire base. Talk about how we can follow God's guidance and become more like Jesus.