

## Covenants that are just for us

Ice Breaker: In Exodus 25:8-9, God instructs Moses to tell the Israelites to build a *mikdash* (sanctuary, tent, resting place) where God may dwell, specifying exactly how the tabernacle (Tent) should be designed. Build a tent with Your parents. Take a picture of it and write a small thought on what tents are good for and why did God wants to put a tent on the inside of us?

### Verses on tents

- 2 Samuel 6:17
- 2 Corinthians 5:1

Did you know that Covenant is a fancy word for Promise? Throughout the Bible you see God connecting ordinary people to a covenant, a promise. The people God chooses are not perfect, their lives are filled with hard moments, but because of God and His love, He blesses them anyway. Let's take for example Abraham, he had to wait 100 YEARS before he saw God forefield his promise of giving him a son! Even when Abraham felt discouraged God reminded him of His covenant and kept His promise because of His love for Abraham.

Have you ever made a promise or agreement with someone because you loved them? When God make covenants with us, like He did with Abraham, He built it based on His love. Even when it seems impossible nothing can take away what God has promised.

Let us look at the biggest promise made in the New Testament, The gift of The Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit was talked about for many years and God gave it to His closest friends first. He taught them that He would be with them, but one day would need to leave. This is why He gave them The Holy Ghost. oly Spirit came Holy spirit

John 3:16 reminds us that God LOVED us, so He GAVE us His very best. He took the hardest way possible so that His promise could rest and live in each of us. After the days passed When Jesus died on the cross for our sins, Jesus told His friends that He would give them the Promise if they would wait for it. When they received God's Promise, they realized anyone had the chance to be in covenant with Him by the Promise of The Holy Spirit. His friends were so happy because for many years people had talked about this happening. They knew He would pour out and rest His Spirit on all flesh.

Jesus' friends saw this covenant rest upon each of them. Others around them heard the sign of the covenant through the different languages that were spoken and The Spirit that was felt. Receiving God this way was so different, but everyone wanted to share in God's Promise. Do you know what happened next? Peter, Jesus friend, offered everyone the same Promise that was given to them and said that God wanted to give it every person! The same people that hurt Jesus, made fun of Him, and didn't believe now could still have His Promise because He loves everyone. Jesus knew that as humans we don't know how to connect with Him. So, He made it possible for us through His Spirit. He knew His Spirit needed to rest in each person.

God's Promise of His Spirit:

- God's Spirit gives us freedom (2 Corinthians 3:17-18)

- Shows us peace that can be in us (John 16:33)
- Becomes our guarantee for Heaven (Ephesians 1:14)
- Gives us Power over our weaknesses (Romans 8:26)

**The challenge of the week**

Build a tent with your parent similar to what we did in the video. Next, I want you to pray to God and ask him is there a covenant that you should make with Him. Close your eyes and to try and focus on what you told God. You can make this a part of your time with God each day, remember God wants to make covenant with you!