

God Living in Me

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for use as
STEP 1

**Lesson 8****Focus:**

God wants to live in us.

Lesson 8**Bible Basis:**

Exodus 25:1—
27:21; 40:17-38;
Leviticus 9:1-5,
22-24

Lesson 8**Memory Verse:**

Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. —Ephesians 3:17

Students will watch a video clip showing the Coronavirus under a microscope in order to begin thinking about things we cannot see as they explore how God wants to live in us.

Materials:

- Internet access

➤ **Have any of you had a chance to look at cells, germs, or a drop of water under a microscope? What did you see?** (Give preteens an opportunity to share if anyone has had this experience.)

It's easy to look at the world around us and think that's all there is to see, but in reality, there are all sorts of things going on. Take, for example, the Coronavirus. Although we cannot see the virus, it's infected many people worldwide and caused a lot of change to society and procedures over the last three years. Let's take a look at the virus up close:

Share the following video clip with your students [3:27; stop at 2:08]:

Coronavirus: Under the microscope | ABC News

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcPLfVIHd3Y>

➤ **What stood out to you about the virus?** (Students may comment on the shape, motion, protein spikes, or reproduction patterns of the virus.)

➤ **What are some other things that we know are there but we can't see?** (Students may mention electricity—even though we see it in the form of lightning, it normally flows through wires without being seen; air—we see the effects of air and wind but not air itself; microwaves that make wi-fi work; magnetic waves that make a compass point north; gravitational waves that cause high and low tide, etc.)

God created an amazing world where a lot of things take place that we have to accept without being able to see visible evidence. Today we're going to talk about something else we can't see but means more to us than anything else—let's see what the Bible has to say.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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Materials:

- Paper
- Pens/pencils
- Optional: Internet access

If your class is meeting online, invite students to bring paper and pens/pencils with them to class.

God went to great lengths to be with us! In the Old Testament, God’s presence dwelt with the people in the tabernacle. When Jesus came to earth to die on the cross and rise again, He made it possible for us to have God’s Holy Spirit living inside us!

Acts 2:38 tells us that when we repent and are baptized, we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit. **Ephesians 3:16-17** further tells us that that the Spirit strengthens our inner being to that Christ can dwell in our hearts. This isn’t talking about the heart that pumps blood through our bodies. He comes into the part of us that thinks and feels, and He fills us with His love and peace. Invite any students who have never made the decision to follow Jesus and put their faith in Him for salvation to come talk with you after class. Help in sharing the gospel with this age group is found on the back inside cover of your teacher’s guide.

Just like all the things we talked about earlier that we can’t see but are there anyway, we can’t see the Holy Spirit. But the Bible promises that He is with us, beginning the moment we are baptized. And He is doing more in our hearts and minds than we can imagine.

Hand each child a sheet of paper and a pen/pencil (or invite students to have supplies ready at home). Have children draw a line down the middle of the paper creating two columns (or they may fold their papers lengthwise). Encourage students to write “INSIDE” at the top of the left hand column and “OUTSIDE” on the top of the right-hand column. Have them draw a stick figure of themselves on both sides of the line. Remind children that the “OUTSIDE” represents their physical bodies and the “INSIDE” is their minds, attitudes, and emotions.

God wants to live in us. As He dwells in our hearts, we become more like Jesus. What evidence can you see in your outside/body and inside/soul that God lives in you? Next to their stick figures, have them write down one or two ways they might see evidence of Christ dwelling in them. Provide these examples:

Outside: I use my mouth to worship God, I use my arms and hands to show kindness rather than hurt others, I use my mouth to speak good words instead of negative ones.

Inside: I concentrate my mind on Scripture, I allow God to take control of my thoughts, I say a silent prayer when I need help or am afraid.

Optional: If you feel comfortable, you can play this song in the background as your students think and write [4:30]:

Tim Hughes - Everything

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SOY-eHUsHdM>

When your preteens are done, challenge them to hang this paper in their room this week as a reminder of how Jesus is making a difference in their lives. **As you trust in Him, He will change you in amazing ways from the inside out.**

If time permits invite (but do not require) volunteers to share a few things they wrote down.

Close in prayer.

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