

THE TABLE OF SHOWBREAD

Face-to-face with Jesus

The Table of Showbread was the first place you stopped when you walked into the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle was also called the Tent of Meeting, it was like a big, special tent where the **Priest went to meet God!**

This was a special privilege for **ONLY** the Priest of God. Only the Priest were allowed to enter the Tent of Meeting, because they were a unique people chosen by God who would worship Him in special ways.

When Jesus died on the cross, every person who believed in Jesus became a Priest and could now worship God in these special ways.



As a Priest, the first thing you would do once you went inside the tent was go to the Table of Showbread. Here you would eat the showbread, a special bread made for spending time with God. **Then you would get to have a special time with God!**

Did you know that God wants to spend time with you too?

He does! He loves to spend time with you like you do with your family or a best friend.

The Table of Showbread is where God would come to meet His Priests. Which means this is the table where God wants to sit face-to-face with you.

God wants us to come close enough to Him to sit with Him and share our day with Him.

"The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a **FRIEND."**

Exodus 33:11a



Jesus spent lots of time going to people's homes just to be with them. And He wants to do that with you!

"And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully." – Luke 19:5-6

Let's invite Jesus into our homes to get to know Him like our best friend!

FACE-TO-FACE

Jesus is more real than anything in this world. He's more real than the clothes you are wearing, the food in your belly, the person sitting next to you. And God is always looking for opportunities to come close to us and interact with us. Watch a fun video after this activity to see how close God comes to His kids:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvOpb1sxx8Q>

Have everyone take a moment, close your eyes.

Imagine that Jesus has come into your home and is sitting with you. Jesus has come to spend special time with you because He loves you. He's sitting right beside you holding your hand or sitting across from you, facing you.

- What would you ask Him? (go ahead and ask Him your questions)
- What do you think God would say to you? (listen for His voice)
- What would you do together? (do it like Jesus was right there with you)

If you have little kids, have them draw out what their time with Jesus would look like on the coloring page. What does Jesus look like? What would they eat? What would they talk about?

Encourage your kids to spend time with Jesus or imagine Him really being there when they are in their secret place with God.



MAKE A FAMILY MEAL

What comes to mind when you think of having a family meal together? Talk about it together.

- What are some things you see or do?
- Who is there?
- What feelings do you have about a family meal?

You probably think of food, family and friends, love, happiness, fun.

Jesus wants to be a part of these experiences with you too!

At your next family meal, set a place for Jesus at the table. Remember Him and that He is as close as the people you're sitting with!

Here are some fun bread recipes to try or you can make something as easy as canned biscuits!

<https://foodlets.com/2018/10/22/the-easy-bread-recipe-your-kids-can-make-themselves/>

<https://joyfulhomemaking.com/2016/12/kid-friendly-bread-bag-mini-loaves.html>

“The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because **THEY KNOW HIS VOICE. They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice.”**

John 10:3-5 NLT



