

Series: TENSIONS: Celebrating AND in an
EITHER/OR World
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BIG IDEA: When we celebrate that God is eternal, separate and independent from his creation, and yet intimately involved in it, we begin to live with greater awareness in the mundane and confidence in the uncertain.

1. God is Eternal.

2. God is Present.

Family Focus Time

Week 4: Our God is in the High and Holy Places and also right here with us (Isaiah 57:15)

Parents Ask This—Preschool: Where do you live? Who are some people that live NEAR you? Who are some people who live FAR from you?

Elementary: Who is someone that lives far away from you? Do they ever visit you? When they visit you, are they still far away? No, they can only be in one place at once! How is that different than God?

Kids Ask Parents—Kids can ask parents anything that is on their mind!

Pray together—Ask God to help each of you see the wonder that our God lives in a high and holy place and also down here with those who believe in Jesus! Thank God that he is present in our lives!

Activity—Trusting in God's hands activity!

- ⇒ Have every family member put a paper plate on top of their head, holding it still with one hand and holding a marker in the other.
- ⇒ One family member will give the following instructions aloud, and each member will do their best to draw it on the plate.
 - Instructions:
 - Draw a house.
 - Draw a sun in the sky.
 - If you haven't already, put a chimney and windows on the house.
 - Draw a line where the ground should be.
 - Add flowers coming up from the ground.
 - Place a happy face on the sun.
 - Draw a tree on the side of the house.
 - Add a person to the scene under the tree.
- ⇒ When the instructions have been completed, have each member take the plate down and look at the images. How do they look?
- ⇒ Now, have someone put another plate on their head and once again hold a marker. This time, another family member will be above them guiding their hand to draw the commands instructed.
- ⇒ When both are complete compare the drawings. Which is better? Which was easier?
- ⇒ Connection Point—God is near to the contrite in spirit. Remember what Ms. Mary told us contrite means (feeling bad when we do something wrong)? God wants to help guide us through our life, and we have to step aside and let him instead of just plugging along trying to everything ourselves. When we do this, our life will make a lot more sense and will work out a lot better...just like the second drawing on the plate!