



The tent

AT A GLANCE



Bible

John 1:14; 2 Corinthians 5:1



Topic

God pitches his tent among us



Takeaway

Our life is temporary – and God is right in the middle of it



10–15 minutes



Object: a small tent or a tarp with pegs



Preparation: 10 min



indoors or by the fire



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "God pitches his tent among us". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

2 min

Opening

Pitch a small tent together – or look at one. Ask: What is the difference between a tent and a house?

3 min

Bible text

John's Gospel says: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." The Greek text literally says: "He pitched his tent among us." Even in the desert God lived among his people in a tent, the tabernacle. And Paul compares our life to a tent: temporary, mobile, one day it will be taken down – but we have a dwelling with God that lasts.

5 min

Thought

A tent is not built to last for ever. That can be unsettling, but also freeing: we do not have to hold on to everything. God did not settle into a palace but pitched his tent in the middle of our everyday life – at camp, at university, in times of change. Wherever we move on, he moves with us.

5 min

Conversation

Where are you in a "tent phase" of life right now – setting out or in transition?



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Prayer to read aloud

God, you pitched your tent among us. Be with me in every transition and hold me steady when a lot is changing. Amen.



To think further

- What gives you stability when a lot is changing?
- What does it mean to you that God “camps with us”?



For leaders

- Leave room for doubts and critical questions – an honest conversation matters more than a quick answer.
- As a leader, feel free to share a personal experience.
- With heavy topics, keep an eye on who is struggling and be available afterwards.



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