

# A Time with the Children

*Preparation: It would be helpful to have a House-Floor Plan (the bigger, the better), perhaps from a magazine, a homebuilder or an architect.*

**Introduction:** Remind the children that whomever we are, wherever we came from to worship today, we had a place—a special place for each of us—where we stayed last night. Maybe an apartment, or a mobile home, or a house... And, in that house, we had a room, maybe shared with our brother or sister or cousin or our Gramma, but we had a room... People who plan our homes think about rooms for us to live in and they make big drawings so that they can see how all the rooms work together. When we look at the drawings, called plans, it is like looking down from the sky. (Look at the representation you brought and show the children the different spaces and how they are marked by place and purpose. Go wherever their questions take you!)

**Ask the Children:** Do you have rooms where you live that you especially like? What are your favorite rooms? Why? (Pursue questions with the children that get to understanding unique spaces for unique persons.)

**Share with the Children:** God has a household also... We can think of it as such a big big house that All of us can live there together in love. Nobody gets left out. Nobody has to stay outside by themselves. There is always plenty of room in God's household. Jesus even said that God's house has many many rooms and Jesus always told us the truth. Every one of us has our special place in God's household and God's house, because we are loved and we are special to God.

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