



God is Right HERE!

Joshua 1:9b

“...for the Lord your God will be with you
wherever you go.”

Let's have an adventure together
to find places where we might actually
SEE God this summer!

Joshua 1:9 tells us: "Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be
discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you
wherever you go."

God never hides Himself from us!

No matter if our experiences are somewhat difficult
or excitingly fun, God is present all the time.

Anytime. Anywhere.

We can see Him in His fabulous creation and in every unique
person, we can sense His presence in every situation,
and we can experience His love in so many ways!

Let's find Him this summer!

How does this work?

Pack for your adventure.

We suggest you bring a pencil or pen, blanket to sit on while you do your devotional, and a Bible (and the Jesus Storybook Bible when noted).

Visit a Location with Someone.

Each adventure is intended to be done at a specific location with someone! For some of these locations, check into their available hours.

We encourage you to change up some of your visits by inviting some neighborhood friends, family members, maybe another family from church. Try completing some adventures with someone new!

Engage with the Devotional.

For each adventure, you will 1) complete an adventure 2) Read scripture 3) Wonder together 4) Look for God 5) Respond in some way.

Share What You are Up To!

Some adventures have specific ways to share, and we would love to see the photos of your own adventure! You can post them to the Seymour Children's Ministries Facebook page or email them to lori@seymourchurch.org.

Scripture Memorization

“Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid;
do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God will be with you
wherever you go.”
Joshua 1:9

Once you have memorized this passage,
record your family saying it together
and share it with the
Seymour Children’s Ministries
Facebook page!

1 God is HERE!



Location: Your front porch/yard – how many trees are on your property? Less than five? More than five? More than 20? Whose nearby yard has the most trees? Take a family picture in a favorite place in your yard.

Theme Verse

Read Joshua 1:1-9. Remind each other of where this is found in the Bible. The Israelites have finally reached the promised land after wandering in the wilderness for 40 years! Can you imagine that? Now they are about to receive another opportunity to experience God's faithfulness.

Wondering Questions

- How is God actually in this neighborhood?
- Are your neighbors believers in Jesus? How do you know?
- Where can you actually see God at work?
- Where can you feel Him?
- How can you hear Him? Be creative with your answers.

God Sighting

- Using some of your answers above, draw or write about how YOU see, feel, or hear God in your neighborhood.

Missional Response

- Invite a neighbor to a cookout at your house.



2 God Can Be Felt



Location: Someplace with a steep incline or with steps, e.g. a Cannonsburg ski hill or a dune on the lakeshore.

Run up the incline or steps and place your hand on your heart once you reach the top. Figure out how fast your heart is beating! Take a family photo at top!

Scripture

Read Genesis 32:22-32 (and theme verse Joshua 1:9).

Key Verse

Key Verse: "So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.'" Genesis 32:30

Wondering Questions

- Where is God in this story?
- Have you ever felt God's presence?
- How? Maybe a song brought you closer to God. Maybe you have a special verse that brings you closer to God. Share some ideas.
- Ask your mom or dad what their favorite Bible verse is.

God Sighting

- Look for God in the nature and people around you.
- Draw a picture or write about how you see, feel, or hear God right now.

Missional Response

- Have everyone in your family smile and say, 'God is good!' to the next five people you meet!



God Leads Us



Location: Calvin Ecosystem Preserve and Native Gardens

Are there any trail markers or maps to lead you around? Talk about how markers or maps or GPS are helpful. Take in the beauty of nature. Take a group photo of your family on the trail.

Scripture

Read the Jesus Storybook Bible - God Makes a Way, page 92 (and theme verse Joshua 1:9).

Key Verse

“By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night.”

Genesis 13:21

Wondering Questions

- Where is God in this Bible story?
- Where or how has God led you?
- Do your parents have a personal story about how God has led them?
- How can you follow God?

God Sighting

- Look for God in the nature and people around you.
- Draw a picture or write about how you see, hear, or feel God today.
- What if you were here in the middle of the night? Could you feel God’s presence even then? Can you feel Him right now?

Missional Response

- Find a large stick and write “GOD IS HERE” in the dirt so that others can see it!



God Can Talk to Me



Location: St. Francis of Assisi Sculpture Garden for Prayer (1025 Fulton St. SE).

Remember to keep an air of reverence here out of respect for others.

Who made the statues in this prayer garden? If one of these could talk, what might it say?

Have someone take a photo of you next to your favorite statue.

Scripture

Read 1 Samuel 3 (and theme verse Joshua 1:9).

Key Verse

“The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ Then Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’” 1 Samuel 3:10

Wondering Questions

- Where is God in this Bible story?
- Have you ever heard God’s voice? How?
- What did He say?
- What are some ways we can hear God’s voice each day?

God Sighting

- Look for God in the nature and people around you. What do you see today?
- Draw a picture or write about how you see, hear or feel God in this place.

Missional Response

- Pray for a family member while you are here, and when you get home, video chat that family member to tell them you prayed for him/her.



God is in Nature



Location: Blandford Nature Center (1715 Hillburn Ave. NW)

Visit the wildlife center. How many animals and birds are there right now? Visit the farm. Take your picture with one of the animals at the farm.

Scripture

1 Kings 19:9b-18 (and theme verse Joshua 1:9).

Key Verse

“After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.” 1 Kings 19:12

Wondering Questions

- Where is God in this story?
- Where can you see God in nature? Come up with 10 objects of where you can see God today.

God Sighting

- Look for God in the plants, animals, and people around you.
- Draw a picture of your favorite animal or plant here.

Missional Response

- When you get home, work together to clean up your yard or neighborhood for 15 minutes, and if you have a pet, give it a special treat today!



6 God Reveals Himself



Location: Reeds Lake park for a picnic. (Take gloves and a trash bag.)

What does the lake look like today? Calm? Wavy? Blue? Brown? Is the sun glittering on the water? Are people out in boats? Take a picture of your family picnic.

Scripture

Read the Jesus Storybook Bible - Heaven Breaks Through, page 200 (and theme verse Joshua 1:9).

Key Verse

“And when Jesus had been baptized, just as He came up out of the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to Him and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is My Son, the Beloved, with Whom I am well pleased.’”
Matthew 3:16-17

Wondering Questions

- Where is God in this story?
- What was your baptism like? Ask your parents!
- Read Isaiah 43:1b -3a. How might this promise connect to your God sighting below?

God Sighting

- Look for God in the nature and people around you.
- Draw a picture, or as a family write a poem of where you see God today.

Missional Response

- When you're done with your picnic, pick up your trash. If you see other trash nearby or by the lake, put on some gloves and make the park cleaner than when you arrived.



God is in Control



Location: Take a picnic lunch to Gerald R Ford Airport Viewing Area, 4910 Kraft Ave. SE. Are there a lot of planes coming and going today? Are some planes louder than others? Can you hear each other talking while planes are going by? Take a family photo with a plane in the background.

Scripture

Read Mark 4:35-40 (and Joshua 1:9).

Key Verse

“They were terrified and asked each other, ‘Who IS this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him.’” Mark 4:41

Wondering Questions

- Where is God in this story?
- Look around. What is the weather like? Is it hot? Cool? Windy?
- What has God provided for you today? Really think about it!

God Sighting

- Look for God in the nature and people around. What are some things God created around here? Do you have to look hard, or is it easy?
- Draw a picture or list 7 things, in order of smallest to largest, that God has created around here.

Missional Response

- Download FlightRadar24 on a cell phone and look at all the planes currently in the sky.
- Pray for the safety of all the many airplane passengers today.



God Works Through the Holy Spirit



Location: Wait for a very windy day and find a very blustery spot to spread out a blanket. If you have a kite, try flying it today! Take a family photo of the wind blowing your hair.

Scripture

Read the Jesus Storybook Bible - God Sends Help, page 326 (and theme verse Joshua 1:9).

Key Verse

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.” Acts 2:2

Wondering Questions

- Where is God in this Bible story?
- Is it possible to see the Holy Spirit at work today? How? Is He always at work?
- How is He at work in you today?

God Sighting

- Look for God in the nature and people around you.
- Draw a picture of the wind! Or finish this sentence: “Today the Holy Spirit is helping me to _____.”

Missional Response

- Pray, asking the Holy Spirit to remind you of His presence and power on windy days and EVERY DAY!



God Gives Us Good Things



Location: The Cheese at Calvin College – 3201 Burton SE. Take a stroll around the beautiful campus and end at “The Cheese”.

Take a picture of yourself there on The Cheese. Talk about your favorite foods. Is it cheese? Burgers? Pizza?

Scripture

Scripture: Read Gen. 1:29-30, Gen. 9:3, Ex. 16:1-5, Ecc. 9:7 (and theme verse Joshua 1:9).

Key Verse

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

1 Cor. 10:31

Wondering Questions

- Where is God in these verses about food?
- How has God provided food for you? What are some specific ways? (e.g. mom and dad cook, earn money)

God Sighting

- Look for God in the nature and people around you.
- Draw a picture of your favorite food or write down your five most favorite foods and your five least favorite foods.

Missional Response

- Option #1: Purchase a bag of apples and hand them out to people downtown or people in your neighborhood.
- Option #2: As a family, prepare a meal together and surprise someone with it.



God Works Through Me!



Location: Sixth Street Bridge – 801 Monroe Ave. NW.

Do you know how long this Grand River is? It's 250 miles long and runs from Lansing to Grand Haven on Lake Michigan.

Find the historical marker. When was this bridge built? Talk about all the bridges spanning the Grand River – see how many you can name! (Blue Bridge, Pearl Street Bridge, Fulton Street Bridge)

Talk about how many different parts it takes to make a solid bridge and how each part is important, from the tiniest bolt to the largest piece of steel.

Take a family photo on the bridge.

Scripture

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-20 and 27 (and theme verse Joshua 1:9).

Key Verse

“Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”

Wondering Questions

- Where is God in these verses?
- What is your part of God's body? What is your part in God's church?

God Sighting

- Look for God in the nature and people around you.
- The Grand River is a powerful river, and many bridges are needed to safely cross it. Draw a picture of this bridge or something pretty nearby.

Missional Response

- All members of our church are important. Pray for a specific senior member of Seymour Church and send him/her a card letting them know you prayed for them today!