

GUIDE FOR ADAPTING ANY DWELL SESSION

Dwell coordinators: You can use this template to adapt any *Dwell* story into a simplified session to lead in-person or virtually, or to invite parents to lead at home. Just provide the *Dwell* story script from whichever session you're adapting, as well as the appropriate story symbol. All *Dwell* sessions and story symbols can be found at digital.dwellcurriculum.org, or in the printed leader guides if your church isn't a *Dwell Digital* subscriber. Leaders or parents can say the words in **bold type** below.

Take a few moments to greet the children and let them know how glad you are to see them.

I love exploring God's story with you. Let's get ready to do that together.

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BREATHE

Do this with me: calm your head, heart, and hands as you slowly breathe in . . . and out. (*Demonstrate a few deep "in and out breaths" with eyes closed.*)

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TELL & WONDER

Let's enter God's story together. Here's the story symbol for the part of God's story that we'll be spending time in today. I wonder what clues it gives us about the story we're about to hear? (*Show the story symbol. Accept any answers without giving away whether or not the kids have guessed correctly.*)

Listen closely as we read the story together to see which story our symbol represents.

*Tell the story from Step 2 in the *Dwell* session, pausing throughout to allow children to answer the wondering questions. NOTE: It's always a good idea to read through the story beforehand so you'll be able to tell it well.*

You can also read the story from a children's Bible or a simplified translation of Scripture like the New International Reader's Version (NIRV). Remember to pause throughout to allow time to wonder.

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PRAY

End your time with prayer using . . .

- *your own words, or*
 - *the prayer found in Step 4 of your session material, or*
 - *one of the ideas in 5 Ways to Pray with Kids at DwellCurriculum.org/Home.*
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RESPOND

Select and do one or more of the response activities from the God's Big Story card that goes with the story you're telling.*

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EASY EXTRA

For additional activities, check out the Step 3 and Easy Extra activities included in your session.

*God's Big Story cards can be ordered from FaithAliveResources.org.