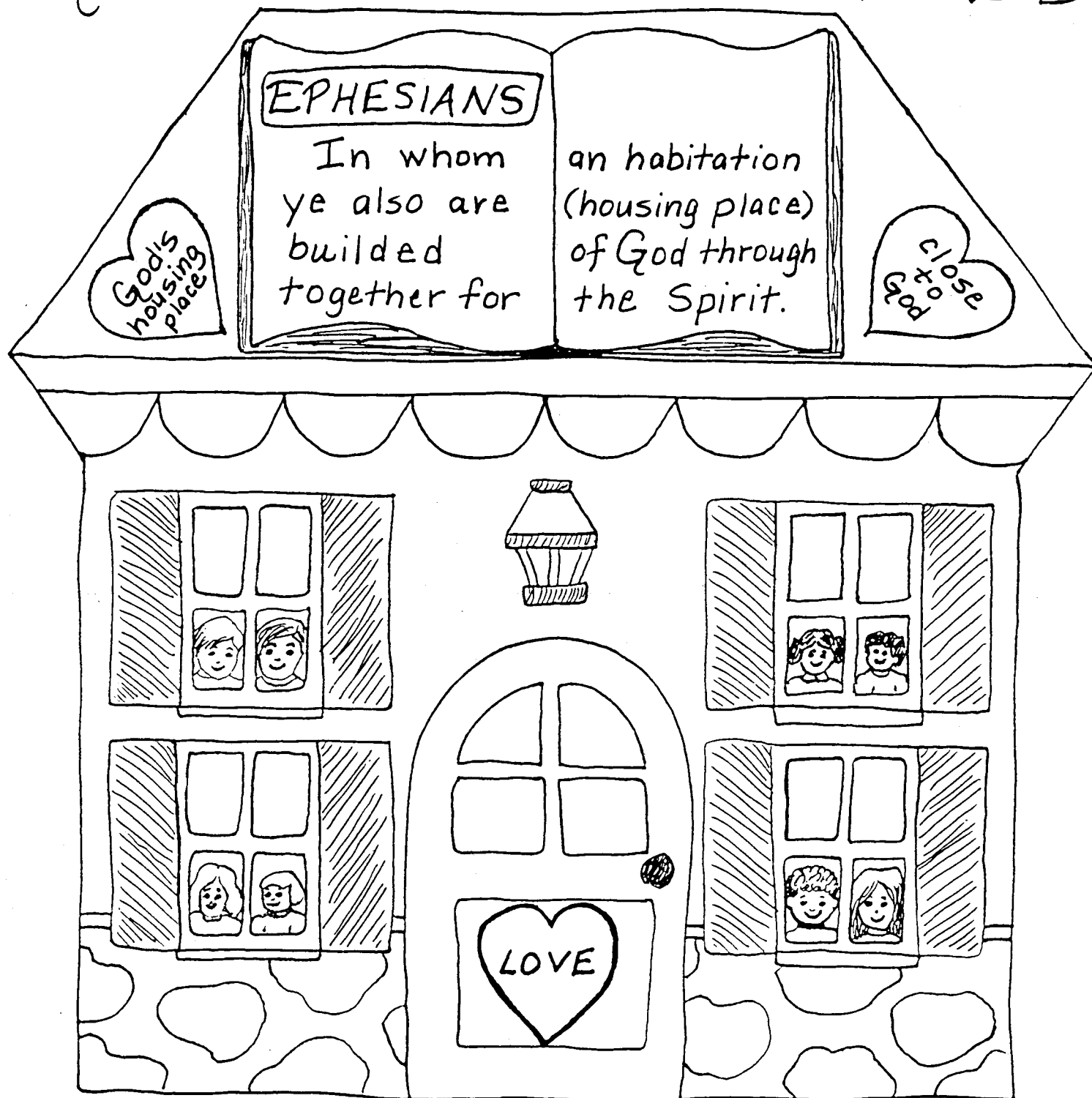


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Bobby and Kevin came running into the house calling,
"Mom, Mom! You wanna come see the tent and sleeping bags?
We've got it all fixed up so cool!"



Mrs. Waverly ran out with the boys to see where they were going to spend the night under the stars.

"Oh, boys, that looks so fun that - hey, do you mind if I come out here with you for a while?"

Kevin said, "Bobby, do we allow girls?"

"Well, since it's Mom - I think for a little while is fine."

"Okay, boys, I'll get an extra bag and be out soon."

When she got outside it was dark, and the boys were munching on popcorn. She spread the bag on the ground and said, "Let's sit outside the tent for a little while."



They all sat down and started looking up at the stars.

"Wow!" said Bobby. "Can you believe God created that from nothing?"

Kevin said, "Yeah, God is so BIG and STRONG!"

Their Mom said, "God is BIG and STRONG! And He is SPIRIT - you can't see Him. But the neatest thing is that God is LOVE! And you know who He loves and cares about the most? Not the stars! YOU! You're His precious children. He wanted to be close to His children so much that He created spirit within you! The new creation of God in Christ is inside you! That's close! He wanted to be close to His children so much that He fixed it so that you can't ever lose your holy spirit. That's close-forever! He wanted to be close to us so much that He made us His housing place, where He lives, where He stays, His habitation! He tells



us this in Ephesians 2:22. Listen.

In whom ye also are builded together
for an habitation (housing place)
of God through the Spirit.

God created spirit in us, so He could live in us and we could belong to Him and be close to Him forever."

"So, Mom, we're God's housing place and His inheritance!"

"Right, Bobby. God lives in us and we belong to Him. Isn't that loving to want to be so close to us? You know, holy spirit in you is the power to help you enjoy being close to God your Father. Remember how thinking God's thoughts is the way to enjoy being close to God? Well, holy spirit in you is the power to help you think God's thoughts. Holy spirit in you is the power to speak in tongues, and speaking in tongues helps you to think God's thoughts and enjoy being close to God your Father. You're so blessed to grow up speaking in tongues! Speaking in tongues can help you to grow up being strong in thinking right. Let's lay back on our sleeping bag and look up at the beautiful stars."

Kevin said, "I see the very brightest star up there!"

Mrs. Waverly said, "Kevin, those big stars up there are sometimes hundreds of times as big as the sun, and the sun is three hundred thousand times as big as this whole earth! But God chose you to create spirit in, so He could be close to you forever! Does God love you?"

"Yeah! A whole, whole lot!"

"Boys, that's the first thing we need to believe to enjoy being close to God. We just believe He is the most loving, kind, forgiving



#1! Daddy ever. We just go to Him like we're getting in His lap, laying in His arms, and letting Him love us up. We don't have any fear of Him, but instead we know He lives inside us, that we can speak in tongues, and enjoy being close to Him. When we speak in tongues, those words are like saying, 'Daddy, Daddy' to our Father. Romans 8:15 tells us this. Listen.



For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption (sonship), whereby we cry, Abba, Father (Daddy, Daddy).

#1! Let's just speak in tongues and think about our 'Big Loving Daddy' being so close, forgiving us, cleaning us up from anything that is bugging us, and loving us.

So they all just spoke in tongues and enjoyed being close to God. Then Mrs. Waverly said, "Boys, did you know that speaking in tongues can help you to believe that you are God's wonderful, righteous child? Speaking in tongues is proof that you are God's child, that holy spirit is in you! If you're ever doubting yourself and how wonderful you are, just speak in tongues and think of Romans 8:16. Listen."

#2!



The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

#2! Let's just speak in tongues for a few minutes, and as we do that, let's practice believing how wonderful God made us.

So they spoke in tongues and enjoyed being close to God. Bobby said, "Mom, speaking in tongues and thinking that at the same time really does help me enjoy being close to God. I sure am glad He's not faraway like that star."

#3! Then Mrs. Waverly said, "You guys, speaking in tongues can really help you big time to believe that God is protecting and caring for you. See, speaking in tongues makes your spirit inside strong! That spirit in you is Christ in you. Christ in you always wants to and is able to believe God. So, when your spirit gets strong, then it helps you to believe God instead of your feelings and the world! Listen to Ephesians 3:16, 17:



...to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith (believing);

#3! Let's just speak in tongues and believe that the spirit inside is getting big and strong. Then practice believing that God is doing something very cool for you while you speak in tongues."

"Oh, Mom, like He's getting me that new, very good friend!"

"Yes, Bobby. God can take care of you like that."

So they spoke in tongues and enjoyed being close to God.

#4!

Then Mrs. Waverly said, "Hey, boys, I want to share with you how speaking in tongues can really help you to be loving and caring for others. You know, one of the most loving and caring things you'll ever do for anyone is to pray for that person by the Spirit or speaking in tongues. It is perfect prayer. When you stay your mind or keep your thoughts on someone being



loved and cared for by God while you speak in tongues, God's power really goes to work. Sometimes when you don't know how to love someone the best, speak in tongues for them. When you don't feel like loving someone, speak in tongues for them. You will realize how much you love them. When you speak in tongues for someone, many times God will give you an idea on how to love them more. God wants us to keep watching out for each other, the saints, of His household with prayer by the Spirit, speaking in tongues. Listen to Ephesians 6:18.

- Praying always with all prayer and supplication
- in (by) the Spirit, and watching thereunto with
- all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

#4! Picture someone being loved and cared for and speak in tongues."

So they all spoke in tongues and enjoyed being close to God. Then Mrs. Waverly said, "Who wants to tell me Number 5?"

#5! Kevin said, "I do! I am thankful and think about things that bless me!"



"And, boys, speaking and singing in tongues helps you to do that! Speaking in tongues is giving thanks! Now listen to Ephesians 5:19.

- Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns
- and spiritual songs, singing and making
- melody in your heart to the Lord;

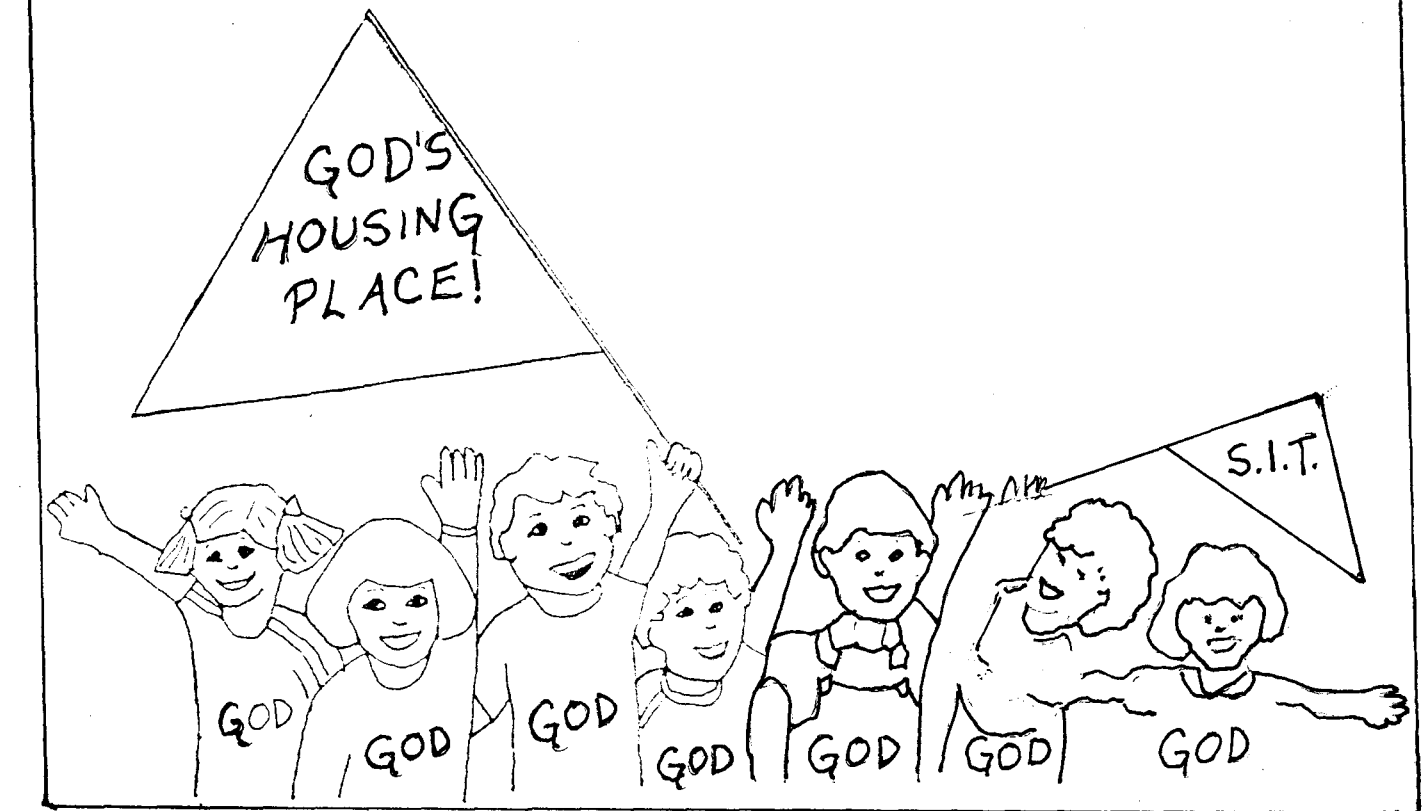
#5! Well, boys, it's time for me to go in, but you can sing in tongues, be thankful to God, and think about His blessings! And, you can enjoy the stars some before you go in the tent."





"But, Mom, mostly we can enjoy being close to God!"


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We enjoy being close to God.
We speak and sing in tongues.


CRAFT! Use this sheet with the other sheet to make a craft. Cut out the blank strip to the left. Cut out the strips with verses and glue to blank strip. Leave space on top.  Glue to other sheet. 

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