

# Family Devotional

From June 12, 2016

Supplies: Bible

Read: Ephesians 1:15-23

**Reflect:** We serve a great God who longs to know us and be known by us. He wants us to know how mighty, powerful and loving he is. In this passage we read the prayer of the Apostle Paul for his dear friends in Ephesus. Paul had come to know Jesus and wanted them to really know him too. Now Paul had visited his friends and told them about Jesus. So they knew who he was in their heads, but Paul longed for them to know Jesus is in their hearts so he prayed for them often.

Since we cannot physically see God, sometimes it is easy to think he is far away but really he is right here with us. He goes to great lengths to make himself known to us. Did you know the phrase "I am the Lord" appears in the Bible over 150 times? It is usually paired with "So they will know that I am the Lord their God." Let's look at a couple of these verses:

Have someone read: Leviticus 26:13, Ezekiel 20:42 and Isaiah 45:3

List some other stories where God shows us who he is, how powerful, loving and mighty?

One of the amazing ways we get to know God is through the Bible and how it tells us the way he has worked in people's lives throughout the generations; but he did not stop there. He is still making himself known to his people today!

- How did you get to know your best friend?
- What are ways we can get to know God better?
- Share with each other ways God has made himself known to you before.

Have someone read Psalm 46:10

When something good happens to you what is the first thing you want to do? (Tell other people about it)

The more we get to know God the more we want to tell others about him so they can know him too.

**Remember:** Work together as a family to memorize/meditate on Psalm 46:10 this week.

"He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Ideas: Write this passage down and hang it on the refrigerator. Say it together as a family during meal time each day. Write it on a chalk or white board and erase a couple of words each day until you can say it by memory.

Respond:

"Dear God, thank you for loving us so much that you will do anything to make yourself known to us. Help us to see you working in our world each day. Show us how to help others come to know you too ..... Amen!"