



## 4. Bible Study

10 minutes

### God Prepares a Home for Us: John 3:16

J. B. Beaver puppet comes out and begins to pile up twigs.

LEADER: J. B., what are you doing?

J. B.: I'm building a home.

LEADER: I see. Did you know that God made a home for these children too?

J. B.: Is that so? Did He make it out of twigs and sticks? Those are the most sturdy kind, you know.

LEADER: Well, not exactly. God created the Earth. Then He created plants and water and air and animals and all the things these children would need to live.

J. B.: Wow! God thought of everything, didn't He?

LEADER: Yes, He even knew that the Earth wouldn't be a perfect place for long. He knew that people would sin.

J. B.: How sad.

LEADER: Yes, it is sad. But God had a plan for that too.

J. B.: He did? What plan did He have?

LEADER: John 3:16.

J. B.: What is that, God's address?

LEADER: No. John 3:16 is not God's address. It's a verse in the Bible. I think some of these children know what it is. Say it with me if you know this verse: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

J. B.: So you mean that God loves these children so much that He sent His only Son to Earth to save them from their sins?

LEADER: That's right.

J. B.: And He loves these children so much that He is preparing a home so they can live with Him forever in heaven?

LEADER: Yes, He does.

J. B.: God sure is awesome, isn't He?

LEADER: Yes, He is.

**Review:** Have the boys sit in a circle. Have each boy start with the phrase, "When I build my house, I will use . . ." Each boy adds an item (e.g., a hammer, a saw, windows), then says, "But one day I will live in heaven." The boy does a motion to represent his item and continues to do that motion throughout the game. The next boy in the circle starts with the same phrase and says what the first boy said and adds another item and motion. The third boy says what the first two boys said and then adds a third item and motion. Continue around the circle. Give the boys help as needed.

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