

# Holy Smoke

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We can encounter God anywhere, anytime. When we realize God's presence is so close we will probably feel a little uncomfortable. Yet God acts to put us at ease so we can put others at ease in God's presence. Consider your encounters with God and be prepared to speak peace to others.

**For**  
Adult / Couple

## Season

Spring

## Needed

Camera or mobile phone with camera feature, willingness to be surprised by God, device to play YouTube video [Written in the Word - Isaiah 6:1-8](#)

## Prepare in Advance

Arrange to interact with another adult for a few minutes each day. Interactions may be face-to-face, on-line or via text.

## Activity Plan

1. Pray together at the beginning of the week:

*God, open our eyes to your presence each day. Surprise us by the places we can see you and send us to help others see you, too. Amen.*

2. Open your Bible and read Isaiah 6:1-8 (or see text on last page). Now, view the video [Written in the Word - Isaiah 6:1-8](#).
3. Make a timeline or list in order what Isaiah experienced in this passage. Include words that describe his feelings at each point in the experience.
4. Discuss what you might think, feel, and do in a similar situation.
5. Each day during the week, watch for places God might show up in unexpected ways. (For example, in talking with a stranger on the street, or in an unexpected kind act performed by a co-worker.) Use your camera or mobile phone to capture a picture of that place. Share the picture in person or electronically with your partner. Share the story of your "God encounter" as well.
6. At the end of the week, make a timeline or list of your experiences, identifying the feelings you have experienced.
7. Share with your partner how God communicated with you during the week and what you feel you are better equipped to do to help others encounter God.
8. Pray for each other.

## Isaiah's Vision

### Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

