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WEEK 3



CHILDREN'S BIBLE CLUBS: A DIFFERENT KIND OF SANCTUARY

How would you describe the word "sanctuary"? Talk about it with a friend or family member.

Usually, we think of sanctuaries as being the big room in our church where we have services on Sundays. But really, a sanctuary is so much more. It's not just about the room itself; it's about how the room is used.

What do you do in the sanctuary at your church? Do you sing worship songs to God, pray to Jesus, and learn about the Bible? These are all wonderful activities that make a sanctuary special. It's a place to get away from the rest of the world and spend time with God.

If this is what makes up a sanctuary, then does it have to be inside of a church building?

As your family is seeing this week with Binoj, life can be difficult in India. Binoj is living in a slum, where the streets are filled with sewage and garbage and his grandparents are earning only \$1 per day to take care of Binoj and his sisters.

Binoj needed a sanctuary in his slum, and he found it at a Children's Bible Club. It was a place where he could sing songs about Jesus, pray to Him, and hear Bible stories. Doesn't this sound a lot like what happens in church sanctuaries?

Many definitions of "sanctuary" explain it as a place to find safety. Though Binoj wasn't in danger before joining the Children's Bible Club, he definitely needed a place to feel secure and a joyful place to get away to. After being abandoned by his parents when he was young, he needed a place to feel loved!

Binoj's Children's Bible Club provided him a sanctuary when he needed one, and because he had this place to get away and spend time with the Lord, he's following Jesus today. Praise God!

