



God's people had been living in tents for a long time. When they came to the promised land each family was given a piece of land for his very own. Many families stopped living in tents. They built a little house, planted grapevines and olive trees.

They lived in this one place most of the time. Even the shepherds lived in a house instead of a tent. The shepherd went out to find pasture during the day and back to his house at night.

For the sake of protection, the houses were built in groups. Most of the people lived in a house with just one room. This one room was the -

- kitchen
- dining room
- bedroom
- den
- storeroom

It must have seemed very crowded at times.

But the people in Israel loved their homes as most people do. In this little house they were protected from rain, wind and cold. In his home each person was safe with a family they loved. Their home was a shelter.

Do you know that the Bible says God is like a shelter for anyone who believes Him? See Psalm 61:3.