

GOD OFFERS ADOPTION WHEN ARE ORPHANS

BIG TRUTH: GOD OFFERS ADOPTION WHEN WE ARE ORPHANS

John 1:11-13; Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 4:4-7; Ephesians 1:11-12; Hebrews 2:10-18; 1 John 3:1-3

BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 2:19

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God."

BIG IDEAS

- Our sin separates us from God.
- God made a way to adopt us into His family through Jesus.
- Being adopted into the family of God means we have rights and privileges of adoption.
- Being adopted into the family of God means we can know God personally.

BIBLE STORY: 2 SAMUEL 9

Mephibosheth was not part of King David's family. He was the grandson of Saul, the first king of Israel. David did not have to bring Mephibosheth into his family, but he did, giving Mephibosheth the rights and privileges as if he were born into David's family. God does the same for us when we have saving faith in Jesus.

STORY: NEW CREATION

Part of the beauty of the gospel is that God does not just rescue us from the power of sin, but He is also making everything new. God offers new creation to those who place their faith in Jesus. This newness comes in two ways. The first is that by breaking the power of sin, Jesus is making men and women into brand new people with new identities. Second, God is not only making people new, but He is also going to make a new heaven and a new earth for us to live on and worship Him in.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that:

- God offers us a new relationship with Him through Jesus



Every child should feel:

- Valued by God because of the new relationship He offers



Every child should:

- Remember the sacrifice of Jesus that makes it possible to have a new relationship with God



Every child should want:

- To be a part of God's family as one of His holy, chosen people

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HEIRS WITH JESUS

Use cardboard and aluminum foil to make a crown. Cut the crown from the cardboard and then wrap it in aluminum foil. As you make it, talk with your child about how we become heirs with Jesus when we become part of God's family.

DISCOVER IT: *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

2 Samuel 9.

THINK ABOUT IT: *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

Before David became King, Saul ruled the people. Saul's son, Jonathan was a faithful friend to David. Jonathan was killed in battle before David became king. When David became king, he chose to make Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth part of his family. He brought Mephibosheth to live with him and he gave Mephibosheth the rights and privileges of being the king's son. Mephibosheth did nothing to earn this right. David chose to make him part of his family. God chooses to make us part of His family when we repent and believe in Jesus. We become His sons and daughters and we share in the inheritance with Jesus. We are brothers and sisters to Jesus because God adopts us into His family. He makes us co-heirs with Jesus and calls us sons and daughters. We get to share in the rights and privileges of being God's children.

TALK ABOUT IT: *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- How did Mephibosheth become part of David's family? (David chose to make Mephibosheth part of his family.)
- How do we become part of God's family? (When we repent and believe in Jesus, we become part of God's family.)
- What does being in God's family mean for us? (It means we are His sons and daughters and co-heirs with Jesus.)



KNOW

As a family, memorize Ephesians 2:19 by playing a game of hopscotch. The person who wins hopscotch gets to say the verse out loud.



DO

Have your child help you fold clean laundry. Help your child to place each family member's laundry in a separate pile. Talk with him about how our sin separates us from God like the laundry is separated.



FEEL

As a family, spend some time looking through family photo albums. Talk with your child about some family traditions that your parents had and then help your child name some that you have in your family now. Tell your child that we become part of God's family when we follow Jesus.



WANT

Spend some time this week praying, thanking God for adopting us into His family.