

GOD MAKES ME PART OF A NEW FAMILY

REVIEW - NEW CREATION

BIG TRUTH: GOD MAKES ME PART OF A NEW FAMILY

John 1:12; Romans 8:29; Ephesians 1:5; 1 Peter 2:9-10; 1 John 3:1

BIBLE VERSE: 1 PETER 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

BIG IDEAS

- God offers a new family.
- God's family is the Church.
- God's family is becoming.
- God's family is diverse.
- God's family is forever.

BIBLE STORY: ACTS 2:42-47

Acts 2 gives us a picture of the early church and how they related to one another. Even though they came from many different backgrounds and families, they had the most important thing in common: Jesus. Because they had trusted in Jesus, they were united in Him. They had an obligation to each other like a family, because they had all been brought into God's family by 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 is making His people into a new family



Every child should feel:

- Thankful for the family of God



Every child should:

- Honor and get to know other members of their church family



Every child should want:

- To love and serve God's family

FAMILY DEVOTION

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. Use this guide and devotion to support, reinforce, and review concepts learned throughout the past weeks and to test your child's understanding and memory of these truths.

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God draws people to faith in Him.

- No one chooses God.
- No one seeks God of his or her own power and will.
- We are all sinful and we seek our own way from the very beginning.
- We break God's commands from the very beginning.
- Because we do not seek God, He seeks His people.
- God draws people to Himself and reveals their need of a savior to them.
- People understand the gospel because God reveals it to them and brings them to faith in Jesus.

God saves people to declare His glory to the world.

- God is a holy and righteous God.
- He alone is worthy to receive glory from His creation.
- Man is a created being and belongs to God.
- God saves people by drawing them to Himself and revealing their need for Jesus as their Savior.
- God saves people to bring Himself glory.
- The whole world sees the glory of God when a person who is born rejecting God comes to faith in Him.

All who are redeemed by God are part of His story.

- All who are brought to saving faith in Jesus become part of God's family.
- Those who are part of God's family are part of His story.
- God is the author of life and He writes every story.
- Those who have saving faith in Jesus are part of His redemption story and are used by Him to carry the gospel to the world.

BIBLE STORY: ACTS 2:42-47

Opening Illustration:

Provide the children with several narrow strips of different colored paper cut to 1" x 8.5". Help the children use the strips of paper to create a story paper chain. Have the children draw pictures of God's story of redemption. Help them think through key aspects of God's story beginning with creation and ending with Jesus' promised return. The children should write or draw an aspect on one strip of paper and then connect the strips together in order with tape or staples. Remind them that the story of the world is God's story. He created man and all things for His glory.

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Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. The Big Ideas in Guide 9 are the Big Truths that were learned in Guides 4-8. Use this week as an opportunity to review and reinforce these truths. For further study, information, or resources, refer back to Guides 4-8.

BIG IDEA: GOD OFFERS A NEW FAMILY.

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 12:5

“So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.”

See Guide 4 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD’S FAMILY IS THE CHURCH.

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,”

See Guide 5 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD’S FAMILY IS BECOMING.

BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 4:11-13

“And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,”

See Guide 6 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD’S FAMILY IS DIVERSE.

BIBLE VERSE: REVELATION 7:9

“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,”

See Guide 7 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD’S FAMILY IS FOREVER.

BIBLE VERSE: 1 JOHN 5:12-13

“Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.”

See Guide 8 for more information on this Big Idea.

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HOOKS


KNOW

A Family Love

Bring in contact paper, construction paper, multi-colored tissue paper, and scissors. Help the children cut a heart outline from the construction paper. Give each child the tissue paper and have them tear it into small pieces. Place the heart outline on the contact paper and then fill in the heart with the tissue paper. Next, place another piece of contact paper over the heart and tissue paper sealing it together. Cut the excess contact paper off. Lead the children in a discussion about how God's family is the most important family and how God's family works together and shows love to one another because they are united through Jesus' blood.


DO

- When the early church began, everyone helped one another and worked together to fulfill God's mission.
- Today, God's family works together to fulfill His mission, too.
- Members of God's family show love to one another and support one another as they seek to glorify God.


FEEL

WANT

All About Jesus

Bring in several old newspapers and magazines. Have the children work together to cut words and sentences from the old newspapers and magazines to write the story of Jesus. Glue the clippings from the newspapers and magazines to a piece of paper or poster board. Lead the children in a discussion about how the story is about Jesus and not us.

- The Story is our story, but we are not the center of the story.
- Jesus is the center of God's story because God's story is about His redemption of His people.