

# GOD MAKES ME PART OF A NEW FAMILY

## 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

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## REVIEW

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.

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

Acts 2:42-47

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

When Jesus left the earth to return to heaven, He left instructions for His followers who remained on the earth and for all those who would become His followers in the future. Jesus' command to His followers is to share the good news of the gospel with all people. Those people who followed Jesus during His earthly ministry became part of God's family. After Jesus' life on earth, everyone who has saving faith in Jesus is also part of God's family. When a person has saving faith, God makes that person part of His family forever. Jesus' followers here on earth joined together to form His church. They worked together and supported one another. They loved one another like family and took care of one another. They fulfilled God's mission by bringing Him glory through their actions. No one went without something they needed because everyone joined together to take care of each other. God's family is the most important family on the earth. His family is forever and it exists to bring Him glory. Because our story is about Jesus and His sacrifice for us, God's family can be united by more than just friendship. They can be family to one another through the power of Jesus.

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

- How should God's people relate to one another? (Like family)
- What are some examples of how God's family should treat each other from Acts 2?



As a family, memorize 1 Peter 2:9-10 by creating a puzzle from the verses. Write the verses on a piece of paper and then cut them out to form puzzle pieces. Take turns putting the puzzles together. Use a timer to see who can put the puzzles together the fastest.



Take your child to a worship service at your church. Point out to your child several of the people in the worship service who you know are followers of Christ, and how when that is true we are united together as one family. Each of the people is redeemed to join together to fulfill God's mission.



Plan a game night or have a family dinner with another family from your church. Talk with your child about how when we are in Christ, we are brought into a new family and are united to other followers of Jesus.



Share with your child some stories from your own life about how the family of God has been a gift in your life.

Spend time this week before bedtime praying with your child and asking God to help your family bring Him glory by fulfilling His mission.