

THE FAITHFUL FATHER PROVIDES A NEW STANDING

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1 Corinthians 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 3:21-26; 5:6-11; Ephesians 2:11-13; Colossians 1:21-23; 2 Thessalonians 2:16; 3:3

BIBLE VERSE: 1 PETER 2:9-10

"But as 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

- In His mercy, God rescues us from our sin and makes us part of His holy family.
- Being a part of God's family means our standing is that of saint not sinner.
- As adopted children, we are no longer isolated individuals under God's wrath.
- As adopted children in God's eyes, we are chosen, royal, holy, and His.

BIBLE STORY: JOHN 8:1-11

As Jesus was teaching, the scribes and Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery to Jesus. They questioned Jesus about whether the woman should be stoned to death or not, but Jesus challenged their thinking about sin and one another. We are all sinners and are all in need of God's mercy and grace. Jesus rescues us and makes us a part of His family.

STORY: REDEMPTION

Thankfully, God does not just leave us in the broken world, but is repairing the brokenness through His Son. From the very beginning of time, God promised He would fix creation, and He kept His promise by sending Jesus to rescue us from our sin. Jesus came to live on the earth and willingly died on the cross so that sin's power over creation would be broken forever.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that:

- God adopts His children into a new family by His grace



Every child should feel:

- Awe at the gift of adoption that God has given to His people



Every child should:

- Treat others in the church with honor and respect because in Christ we are all members of the same family



Every child should want:

- To be adopted into God's family through faith and repentance

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WRATH NO MORE

As a family, spend time painting rocks. As you paint the rocks, talk with your child about how during Bible times when people sinned they were sometimes stoned to death. Talk with your child about how we are all under God's wrath while we are sinners, but when we have saving faith in Jesus, we are no longer under God's wrath.

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

John 8:1-11.

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

Early one morning Jesus went to the temple. Many people came to Him and He began to teach them. As He was teaching them, the scribes and Pharisees brought a woman to Him. They placed the woman in the center of the room and told Jesus that she had been caught in the sin of adultery. They had brought her to Him to test Him to see if they could find some wrong against Him. They questioned Jesus about what should happen to the woman. Should she be stoned to death? Jesus did not answer them at first. Instead, He bent down and began writing on the ground. They questioned Him even more, seeking to catch Him in some wrong. He stood up and addressed them. He asked them who could stand among them without sin? No one could stand without sin. He was showing them that we are all sinners and in need of the salvation that He was bringing. They went away one by one beginning with the older men. Jesus was left alone with the woman. He stood up and asked her where everyone had gone. He asked her if no one was left to accuse her. She replied that no one was left to accuse her. He set the woman free from the penalty of her sin. He showed that she was free because He had come to set people free from the penalty of sin. We are like the woman caught in adultery. We are all in need of Jesus' salvation. When we have saving faith in Him, we receive a new standing before Him. We are no longer under God's wrath, but instead, we are His children.

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

- Why did the scribes and Pharisees bring the woman to Jesus? (They were testing Him to see if they could catch Him in a wrong.)
- What did Jesus do for the woman? (He freed her from the debt she owed for her sin.)
- How are we like the woman? (We are all sinful and need to be freed from our sin debt.)



As a family, memorize 1 Peter 2:9-10 by writing each word of the verse on index cards and making a matching game from the verses. Take turns making matches. When all the words are matched, put them together and say the verse together out loud.



Do a word study of the word "saint" with your child. Help your child find other verses that talk about saints. Talk with your child about how we become saints and not sinners when we have saving faith.



Create a scavenger hunt for your child that involves your child hunting for things that we stand on, such as steps, stools, chairs, tree branches, etc. Talk with your child about how we receive a new standing before God when we have saving faith in Jesus.



Spend some time this week praying with your child and thanking God for adopting us into His family when we have saving faith in Jesus.