

**BIG TRUTH: GOD INVITES ME INTO HIS FAMILY**

Hosea 1:10; Luke 18:16; John 1:12; Romans 8:23; 2 Corinthians 6:18; Galatians 4:5; Ephesians 1:5; 2:18; 5:1; 1 John 3:1

**BIBLE VERSE: 2 CORINTHIANS 6:18**

*and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."*

**BIG IDEAS**

- God provides adoption.
- The faithful Father provides a new name.
- The faithful Father provides a new standing.
- The faithful Father provides a new hope.
- The faithful Father provides a new family.

**BIBLE STORY: LUKE 15 (THE PRODIGAL SON)**

Jesus told a parable about a father who had two sons. His younger son grew tired of working for his father and asked for his inheritance early. Once he had received it, he left home, lived recklessly, and wasted all his money. Eventually, he went back home, thinking that he would ask his father to take him back as a servant. His father did not take him back as a servant, but rather welcomed him back as a beloved son. God is a faithful Father who invites us into 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:**

- When we are redeemed, we are made a part of God's family

**Every child should feel:**

- Grateful that God would adopt us into His family

**Every child should:**

- Talk about adoption as a gift from God

**Every child should want:**

- To trust in God as their faithful Father

**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.)*

Luke 15:11-32

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

There was a man who had two sons. One day, the younger son grew tired of living with his father. He asked for his inheritance because he desired to leave and go to a faraway land. The father gave his son the inheritance and the young son left. The young son wasted his money, spending it on foolish things. After a time, the young man had no money left and no job. He hired himself out to a pig farmer and began feeding the farmer's pigs in the fields. The young man was so desperate and so hungry, he longed to be fed the pig food, but no one gave him any. One day, he remembered his father and all that his father had. He was sorrowful that he had left his father and he decided to return to ask his father to allow him to be a servant. The young man did not go home thinking he'd be welcomed back as a son of the father, yet when the young man was still a long way from home, his father saw him. The father ran to his son and embraced him. He welcomed his son home with open arms and threw a great feast in his honor. The son confessed his wrongdoing to his father and his thankfulness to be restored. God welcomes sinners into His family with open arms when they repent and believe. He adopts us into His family forever and always.

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

- How did the father respond when his son returned home? (He embraced him and threw a feast in his honor)
- What does it mean to be adopted? (We are brought into a new family)
- How does God respond to us when we repent of our sins and believe in Him? (God adopts us into His family)



As a family, memorize 2 Corinthians 6:18 by playing a game of hopscotch. Draw a hopscotch board on the sidewalk and then take turns trying to say the verse as you play.



Help your child create a list of ways he or she rejects God, such as not rejecting His command to obey parents, rejecting His command to love others, etc. Talk with your child about how we all reject God when we are sinners, but God sent Jesus to rescue us.



Help your child create a paper plate mask to represent the ways that God's love is eternal and forever. Help your child think of different verses or phrases to include on the mask. Cut out eyes and a mouth. Remind your child that God loves us completely and we are completely His when we become a part of His family.



Create a scavenger hunt for your child in which he or she has to look for lost things, such as a lost sock, a lost piece of jewelry, etc. Talk with your child about how God looks for his lost children and sent Jesus to rescue them.

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