

# **FREEDOM IS A RESULT OF ADOPTION INTO GOD'S FAMILY**

## **BIG TRUTH: FREEDOM IS A RESULT OF ADOPTION INTO GOD'S FAMILY**

Romans 8:15; Ephesians 1:5; Galatians 4:6; John 1:12; Hebrews 12:7

### **BIBLE VERSE: GALATIANS 3:23-26**

*"Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith."*

### **BIG IDEAS**

- The law was our guardian until Christ came.
- We are united as sons and daughters of God in Christ Jesus.
- We are one in Jesus.

### **BIBLE PASSAGE: GALATIANS 3:15-29**

### **UNITE: LIVING IN FREEDOM**

The Unite year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are brought into the family of God- seen throughout the Old Testament as "God's People" and in the New Testament and today as the church (Exodus 6:7; Colossians 1:18). We are set free from our sin to walk in freedom in Christ (Galatians 5:1) and use our influence to call others to do the same.

### **SERIES AIMS**



#### **Every student should know...**

- True freedom is only found in being a servant of Jesus
- We are set free not to do whatever we want, but to live for Christ



#### **Every student should feel...**

- Grateful for Christ who sets us free
- Convicted of the ways that they are ruled by the desires of their flesh
- Responsible to use their influence to make much of God alone



#### **Every student should strive to...**

- Read through the book of Galatians each week
- Memorize the Bible verse each week
- Deny the desires of their flesh to walk in step with the Spirit



#### **Every student should want...**

- See the ways that they are tempted to pursue self-salvation, and repent of these
- Live for the approval of God, not others
- Help others move out of slavery to sin toward freedom in Christ

### **FAMILY WORKOUT:**

This week we will ponder how to discuss the truth that freedom is a result of adoption into God's family with our son or daughter. We will pray with them to walk in unity with fellow believers as we lead them to practice living as one with Christ Jesus.

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**Read Galatians 3:15-29 this week and answer the questions below in your journal:**

- Why does Paul make a distinction between the old and new covenants? What part does the law play in the new covenant? What part does it play in the old covenant?
- How does the law serve as a guardian to people? Why is this important to know?
- What part does saving faith play in the salvation of man? How does this saving faith bring about freedom for believers?
- How does saving faith bring about unity to believers?
- What does Paul mean when he says that believers are one in Christ?

**Read and meditate on Galatians 3:15-29 this week. Use the questions below to guide your meditation:**

- Ponder the truth that our adoption into God's family brings freedom. How can you discuss this truth with your son or daughter?
- Consider the truth that God's people are unified in Christ. How can you help your son or daughter understand this truth and live out this truth?
- Ponder the truth that we are one in Jesus. How can you model this truth for your son or daughter?



**Pray for your son or daughter this week.**

- Ask God to lead them to walk in the freedom their adoption into God's family brings them.
- Pray with your student this week. Ask God to guide them to a greater understanding of the unity they have in Christ.



**Memorize Galatians 3:23-26 this week.**

- Write the verses on an index card and review them daily to help your son or daughter learn them.
- Share with your son or daughter some of the ways you live out your freedom as a son or daughter of God. Talk with them ways that they can live and should live as children of God. Point them to verses that speak to what it means to live as a child of God.
- Meet with your student to discuss ways that he or she can promote unity in the body of Christ this week. Help them identify ways they can live unified with other believers in their student group and the larger church this week.