

# GOD GIVES ADOPTION TO THOSE OUTSIDE OF HIS FAMILY

**FOUNDATION: GOD IS SAVIOR - GOD GIVES ADOPTION**

## **BIG TRUTH: GOD GIVES ADOPTION TO THOSE OUTSIDE OF HIS FAMILY**

John 1:11-13; 3:3-8; Romans 8:12-17; Galatians 3:26-29; 4:2-7; Ephesians 1:11-12; Hebrews 2:10-12

## **BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 1:5**

*"He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will..."*

## **BIG IDEAS**

- We are born into a cursed family.
- Through Jesus, God adopts the Christian into His family.
- Through Jesus, we are sons and daughters of God.

## **BIBLE STORY: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-23, 45; ROMANS 5:12-19; ROMANS 8:14-17**

Sin entered the world and the heart of man through Adam's sin in the Garden of Eden. God made a way to atone, or pay for, this sin through His Son, Jesus. We become part of God's family through Jesus' atonement for our sin.

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Separated from God because of sin, humanity has no hope apart from God Himself. God in the midst of our sin declares that He is Savior. Jesus, fully God and fully man, came to earth to willingly die to take our place. After three days He rose from the grave and He defeated sin and death itself. God being a Savior is the same as the hero of the story sacrificing himself to save the villain. God is Savior and He not only saves us from judgment, but also adopts us into His family as sons and daughters of God. Through Jesus we become a part of a new family and have a new Father.

## **BIG AIMS**



### **Every child should know:**

- We need a Savior because of our sin
- God is the Savior of His people



### **Every child should feel:**

- Loved because God sent His Son to be our Savior



### **Every child should be able to:**

- Acknowledge sins that they commit
- Talk about how God saves His people and adopts them into His family



### **Every child should want to:**

- Experience spiritual adoption

## **FAMILY DEVOTION: ADOPTED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD**

We become part of God's family when we repent and believe in Jesus. We become God's sons and daughters when we follow Christ.

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THOSE OUTSIDE OF HIS FAMILY**BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 1:5**

*“He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will...”*

**Repentance and belief in Jesus reconciles us to God.**

- We are all born sinners and our sin separates us from God.
- Because God is holy and chooses not to look on sin, we cannot have a relationship with Him while we are still sinners.
- God made a way to remove our separation when He sent His Son, Jesus.
- When we turn away from our sin and believe in Jesus, our separation is removed.
- We are reconciled to God when we repent and believe and are no longer outcasts.

**God makes us a part of His family through His Son, Jesus.**

- Though our sin separates us from God, He made a way for our separation to be removed through Jesus.
- God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay our sin debt.
- When we turn away from our sin and follow Jesus, we become part of God’s family.
- We are no longer outcasts or orphans.
- We are heirs along with Jesus.

**God’s offer of salvation opens the door for us to be His sons and daughters.**

- God makes us part of His family through Jesus and calls us His children.
- When we repent and believe in Jesus, we are no longer aliens to God.
- We become part of His family. We are His sons and daughters.
- We enjoy fellowship with Him that is no longer hindered because of our sin.
- Jesus is the way we become God’s children. Jesus’ sacrifice on our behalf makes a way for us to be with God now and forever.

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**BIBLE STORY: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-23, 45; ROMANS 5:12-19; ROMANS 8:14-17**

*God Makes Us His Children*

Supporting Scripture: Ephesians 6:11-12; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23; Ephesians 2:19; Romans 5:12-19; Romans 8:14-17

### Teacher Introduction:

Sin entered the world through Adam and Eve when they sin in the Garden of Eden. They were without sin when God created them, but they chose to believe Satan's lie and disobey God. When Adam disobeyed God, sin entered his heart. God's perfect creation was broken. Every person born after Adam and Eve is born with a sin nature that they inherit from the first man and woman. This sin nature leads people to continue to disobey and sin against God. The sin in people's hearts blinds them to the truth and causes them to reject God. God didn't leave the world in its sin. He promised to send a Savior to save the world and He kept His promise. He sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the sin debt owed by every person. Jesus lived a sinless life, died on the cross, and rose again. This is the gospel of Jesus. The gospel makes a way for people to be with God again. When a person repents, or turns away from, his sin and believes in Jesus, they are adopted into God's family. God calls them His sons and daughters. Believers, or Christians, are fellow heirs with Jesus. They are no longer orphans or outcasts. They are God's children and part of His family. God adopts us into His family and makes us His sons and daughters. He makes a way for us to know Him and to be with Him now and forever.

### Teaching Guide:

The guide below is provided to help you teach the truth: *God Makes Us His Children*. The three points are the Big Ideas that should guide your lesson as you share from 1 Corinthians 15:20-23, 45; Romans 5:12-19; Romans 8:14-17 and teach the truth that God adopts us into His family. Footnotes are provided for further study of the text and God's interaction with His people. Throughout the lesson questions are placed to help you guide the preschoolers to think about and process the truth God adopts us into His family and calls us sons and daughters.

### Opening Illustration:

Help the children make a people chain using construction paper. Pre-cut the people chain if necessary and allow the children to color it using markers and crayons. Help the children name some of the people in their families, such as their brothers, sisters, mothers, and fathers. Lead the children in a discussion about how God adopts us into His family when we repent and believe in Jesus.

**BIG IDEA: WE ARE BORN INTO A CURSED FAMILY.<sup>1</sup>****Death and sin entered the world through the first Adam.<sup>2</sup>**

- When God created the world, it was good.
- There was no sin in the world.
- When God created the first man, Adam, he was sinless.
- There was no death or sin in the world when God first created it.
- When Adam sinned, sin and death entered the world.
- Adam is the first Adam because he is the first man created.
- Everyone born after Adam is born with a sin nature because Adam's sin brought sin into the heart of man.



Read the account of the Fall from a children's Bible to the children. Remind them that sin entered the world through Adam and Eve.

**The world was broken by man's sin.**

- God's world was perfect when it was first created.
- There was no sickness, sorrow, death, or sin in it.
- When Adam sinned, the world that was perfect became imperfect.
- Sin entered the world and the heart of man and the world has grown more sinful.
- Everything in the world is tainted by the sin now.
- There is nothing that is untouched by sin.

**Every person is born sinful.**

- Because Adam is the first man, he is the ancestor to every other person.
- Because sin entered the heart of man when Adam sinned, sin is in the heart of every person born after Adam.
- Every person is born with a sin nature that leads them to sin against God.
- There is no person who doesn't sin against God from the very beginning.

*How are we born into a cursed family? (Adam sinned causing sin to enter the heart of every person.)*

1. Ephesians 6: 11-12: This world is broken and full of sin.

2. 1 Corinthians 15:20-23: Sin entered the world through the first Adam and it is now in the heart of every person.

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**BIG IDEA: THROUGH JESUS, GOD ADOPTS THE CHRISTIAN INTO HIS FAMILY.<sup>3</sup>**

**Our sin separates us from God.<sup>4</sup>**

- God is holy and just. He chooses not to look on sin.
- Because we are sinful, we are separated from God.
- We are aliens and orphans. People without a family and home.
- This sin keeps us from knowing God and having a relationship with Him.
- We reject Him and go our own way, rebelling against Him.



Help the children make a small banner that says "Adopted Into God's Family" on it. Lead them in a quick march, helping them hold the banner. Remind them that we are adopted into God's family when we repent and believe in Jesus.

**Through Jesus our separation is taken away.**

- When God sent Jesus to pay our sin debt, Jesus' death and resurrection removed our separation from God.
- When we repent of our sin and believe in Jesus, we are no longer separated from God.
- We can have a relationship with Him through the work that Jesus did on the cross.
- Because Jesus took on our sin and paid our debt, we no longer owe a debt to God.
- When we walk in faith, repenting and believing in Jesus, we have forgiveness of our sin and we become a part of God's family.

**Repentance and belief make us members of God's family.**

- While we are sinners, we are without a heavenly Father.
- We are orphans in need of salvation.
- God makes a way for us to be in His family through the death of His Son, Jesus.
- When we believe that Jesus died for our sin and we choose to follow God, we become members of God's family.
- God calls us His family and we have the same rights and privileges as His Son, Jesus.

*How do we become members of God's family? (When we repent and believe in Jesus, we become members of God's family.)*

3. Ephesians 2:19: Through Jesus we become citizens of heaven and part of God's family.

4. Romans 5:12-19: Sin entered the world through the first Adam and it is God's gift of grace that allows us to have the sin forgiven.

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THOSE OUTSIDE OF HIS FAMILY**BIG IDEA: THROUGH JESUS, WE ARE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD.<sup>5</sup>****Our sin nature makes us slaves.**

- Sin blinds us to the truth about God.
- Our spiritual blindness keeps us from knowing God and walking in freedom.
- We do not pursue the things of God. We do not desire to do His will or to obey His Word.
- Instead, we seek to please ourselves and pursue our own will.



Bring in your birth certificate or copies of example birth certificates. Show the children and talk with them about how God adopts us into His family and makes us His sons and daughters just like we are our parent's sons and daughters.

**Jesus brings us into God's family.**

- Our sin formed a barrier between God and us.
- We cannot break down that barrier ourselves because we are all sinful.
- God made a way for the barrier to come down.
- He sent Jesus to pay our sin debt and when Jesus died on the cross, the barrier was removed.
- Because there is no barrier, when we repent and believe in Jesus, we become part of God's family.

**God call us sons and daughters when we repent and believe.**

- When we repent and believe in Jesus, we are no longer aliens or outcasts.
- God not only adopts us into His family, He calls us His sons and daughters.
- We receive the rights and privileges of being His children.
- He no longer sees our sin nature; instead, He sees the righteousness of Jesus.

*How are we adopted into God's family? (Repentance and belief in Jesus is the way we become part of God's family.  
How does God call us sons and daughters? (He no longer sees our sin, but instead, sees the righteousness of Jesus.)*

5. Romans 8:14-17: We are adopted into God's family and He calls us His sons and daughter because of Jesus.

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## HOOKS

**Foot Family Wreath**

Trace each child's foot and cut them out. Ask the children to name some people in God's family and write down the names of the people on the feet you've cut out. Make a wreath of the feet using a paper plate. Glue or tape the feet around the edge of the plate to form a wreath. In the center of the plate write the words "Family of God". Lead the children in a discussion about how God adopts us into His family when we repent and believe in Jesus.



- Before we believe in Jesus, we are all sinners.
- We are separated from God and are outcasts.
- God sent Jesus to pay our sin debt and make a way for us to be with Him.
- When we repent and believe in Jesus, we become part of God's family.

**Family of God Collage**

Use pictures from old greeting cards, magazines, or newspapers to help the children create a collage of people. Use glue or tape to create the collage. Talk with the children about how people become part of God's family when they repent and believe in Jesus. They become God's sons and daughters.

- People who have followed Jesus are God's sons and daughters.
- God adopts Christians into His family and gives the same rights and privileges that Jesus has.