

# GAME PLAN MS

# I AM PART OF A FAMILY

## **SERIES: GOD IS FATHER - I AM ADOPTED**

This semester looks at the family of God: the church, as well as our place in it.

The series “God is Father – I am Adopted” gives a theology of family and adoption. It discusses the importance of seeing, knowing, and relating to God as Father, and it looks at the reality that when we become Jesus followers, we are adopted into God’s family. We are not just individuals, but we are sons and daughters and brothers and sisters. This series will help students grow in their understanding of gospel adoption.

**Romans 8:14-17-** *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*

## **GUIDES:**

- Guides 1-3 of this series lay a foundation for the beginning of a theology of family. Family is created by God, used by God for His purposes, and broken by our sin.
- Guides 4-8 of this series study through Romans 8 and see what it tells us about our adoption into God’s family and how we live in light of this.

## **TIPS TO TEACH AND TALK IN THIS SERIES:**

### **Tips for the church:**

- Be mindful that students come from a variety of different backgrounds and family situations.
- Adoption, foster care, death of a parent, single-parent homes, caregivers, blended families, and various other family contexts all may have different impacts on the presuppositions and foundations that students bring to this series.
- You have an incredible opportunity to point students to God, the faithful and perfect Father. Earthly families exist to point to Him, both in what is good about them and in the places where they fall short.

### **Tips for the home:**

- If your student is not a Jesus follower yet, this series provides great opportunities to share the gospel with them. What does it mean for us to be saved and adopted into God’s family? How does this happen in a person’s life?
- If your student is a Jesus follower, encourage them to consider how they can share their story of adoption into God’s family with others—perhaps their friends or a younger sibling.
- This series walks through an entire chapter of Scripture (Romans 8). Use this as an opportunity to teach your son or daughter about habits of spiritual disciplines and Bible study tools and methods, and encourage them to memorize the whole chapter of God’s Word.

## **GAME PLAN PAGE**

The Game Plan page is meant to be used as a resource to guide parents and teachers in how each guide interacts within its series.

This page provides an overview of the series, how the individual guides work together to make up a holistic series, and practical tips to make the most of this teaching series in your church or home.



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