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BIG TRUTH: GOD PROVIDES ADOPTION

1 Peter 2:10; 1 John 3:1; Galatians 4:5-7; Ephesians 1:5

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 8:14-16

“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 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!’ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”

BIG IDEAS

- Adoption is made possible through the Son.
- The Spirit is proof of adoption.
- Children of God live for the Father.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ROMANS 8:12-17

UNITE - I AM PART OF A FAMILY

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 given a spirit of adoption as sons (Romans 8:15-16), are made a child of God, and we are also saved into a family- the Church. The Unite Year explores how we are to live as a part of a family, and to live in light of our calling as servants and disciples of Christ. We use our gifts to build up the church as we pursue unity, humility, and gentleness with our brothers and sisters in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-2).

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- Family exists for God.
- Their heart was bought with a price.
- God is building His family through adoption.



Every student should feel...

- Broken over the ways that sin has fractured their family and the family of God.
- Hope that one day, their adoption as sons and daughters of God will be fully realized



Every student should strive to...

- Memorize Romans 8.
- Do one new thing each week to honor their parents or siblings.
- Find one new way to love and serve their church family.



Every student should want...

- To glorify God in their families.
- To see their family, and the church family, as gifts from God.
- To share the truth that Jesus made our adoption possible with someone

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder what it means to be a child of God. We will pray for a heart that lives for the Father and we will practice dying to ourselves and living for God daily.

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Read and meditate on Romans 8:12-17 this week.

As you read these verses ask yourself some of these questions:

- What does it mean to be a child of God? How have you experienced God as your heavenly Father? What are some wrong thoughts or ideas about God as a Father do you need to change?
- Consider what it means to live for God the Father. How can you do that in your daily life?

Ponder what it means to be adopted into God's family.

- How does God's adoption of you give you a greater purpose and inheritance? How does God's choice to make you His child lead you to obey Him?



Set aside a time of prayer this week.

- As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to help you live daily as a child of God. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal some of the ways you are not living in obedience to the Father.
- Pray with your parents this week. As you pray together ask the Holy Spirit to guide you live as an adopted child of God.



Think through some of the wrong ideas you've had about God as a Father.

- Write down some of the ideas you've had that are based upon earthly relationships. Look up verses that speak to God as the Father. Write down a few and commit to replace wrong thoughts with these verses.
- Discuss with your small group leader what adoption means and how you can practically live for God the Father this week.