

GOD'S FAMILY LIVES IN HOPE

BIG TRUTH: GOD'S FAMILY LIVES IN HOPE

Psalm 146:5; Colossians 1:27; Hebrews 6:18-19; Titus 2:11-13

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 8:23-25

“For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in pains of childbirth until now. And not only creation, but we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.”

BIG IDEAS

- God's children long for future adoption.
- God's children depend on the Spirit.
- God's children trust God's perfect plan.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ROMANS 8:18-30

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

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter that our hope is in our eternal adoption into God's family. We will pray with our son or daughter to grow in their trust of God's plan and we will lead them to practice living in hope.



Read and meditate on Romans 8:18-30 this week.

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

- How can you discuss with your son or daughter the hope our eternal adoption brings us? What are some ways you can model trusting God's perfect plan? How can you discuss with your son or daughter some of the ways they trust in the wrong things?

Ponder how you can discuss with your son or daughter what it means to be a part of God's family and how that gives us hope.

- How can you give examples of how you have found hope by being a part of the body of Christ? How can you encourage your son or daughter to draw hope from the body of Christ?



Spend time praying for your son or daughter this week.

- As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to help your son or daughter trust in God's perfect plan for their lives.
- Pray with your student this week. As you pray model asking the Holy Spirit to guide you to a deeper trust of God's plan.



Discuss with your son or daughter some of the ways they trust in the wrong things.

- Point out some of the things they may trust in instead of trusting God. Share with them some of the things you've trusted in that didn't bring hope.
- Discuss with them what it looks like to trust God no matter our circumstances.
- Discuss with your student ways that he or she can depend upon the Spirit this week. Discuss practical steps he or she can take to depend upon the Spirit's help daily.