

FOCUS: I AM PART OF A FAMILY / SERIES: GOD IS FATHER — I AM ADOPTED

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BIG TRUTH: GOD IS THE PERFECT FATHER

Psalm 27:1; 84:11; James 1:17; Matthew 5:48; 7:11; Hebrews 12:7; Psalm 18:30

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 8:31-32

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?"

BIG IDEAS

- The Father is for His children.
- The Father graciously provides His children with everything they need.
- The Father's love for His children is unbreakable.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ROMANS 8:31-36

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).

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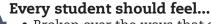
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Every student should know that...

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

Every student should 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.



- 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 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 the ways that God is a perfect Father. We will pray with them to have hearts that trust in God's provision. We will lead them to practice living out this trust of God in their daily lives.





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Read and meditate on Romans 8:31-36 this week.

As you read and meditate on these verses ask yourself some of these questions:

• How can you model trusting God's provision to your son or daughter? How can you discuss with them the ways God is a perfect Father? How can you lead them to trust God with every-thing?

Ponder how you can discuss with your son or daughter how God's love is unbreakable. How can you help them see that God's love is unconditional?



Spend time praying for your son or daughter this week.

- As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to give them a heart that trusts God as their perfect Father.
- Pray with your student this week. As you pray, model praying for a love for others that is like God's love for us.



Help your son or daughter memorize Romans 8:31-32 this week.

- Write the verses on an index card and go over them each day until they are memorized.
- Discuss with your son or daughter some of the wrong thoughts about God you've had. Help them identify some of their own wrong ideas and thoughts and identify verses that remind us of God's faithfulness and provision.
- Discuss with your student some ways that he or she can trust in God's provision this week.