

**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).

**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 the truth that God is the perfect Father. We will pray for hearts that trust in His gracious provision. We will practice loving others as God loves us.

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

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

- How have you seen God fight for you in your personal life? What hope does it bring you to know that nothing can come against one of God's sons or daughters?
- How can you live more faithfully to God knowing that His love is unbreakable?

Ponder how your daily life reveals your trust of God's provision for you. Do you trust God to provide your daily needs? Do you trust in man? Do you trust in yourself more?

**Spend time praying that the Holy Spirit would help you trust in God's gracious provision for you.**

- Pray with your small group leader this week. As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to help you love others the way that God loves you.

**Commit to memory Romans 8:31-32.**

- Write the verses on an index card or put them in your phone somewhere. Each day this week spend time going over them until you have memorized them.
- Make a list of ways that you have not trusted God as a perfect Father. Write down thoughts or behaviors that reveal your lack of trust in Him. Look up verses that tell us that God will provide for His children. Seek to replace your wrong thoughts with the truth about God.
- Discuss with your small group leader some of the wrong thoughts you've had about God and His love. Identify ways you can better trust God to provide for you.