

I AM A CHILD OF GOD

WEEK 2

Think about the people who care for you. A parent, grandparent, or guardian. Maybe it's the person who brings you to church, fixes your lunch, or tucks you in at night. These people care for you and you belong to them. You are their child. The same is true in God's family. But God's family is so much better and bigger than any family you know of on earth. God's family is full of everyone who believes in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. It's full of people who believe what the Bible says, who love and serve the church, and seek out opportunities to share their faith. The family of God is amazing, and you can be welcomed as a part of the family at any age—young or old.

Did you know Jesus talked about children a lot when He discussed God's family? In Matthew 18:2-4, Jesus teaches that all Christians should have faith like a child, believing and loving with joy and trust in God. It is only then that they will enter the kingdom of heaven and be welcomed into the family of God forever. Jesus knew the power of childlike faith and wants everyone to trust and believe in Him. Jesus also used children in amazing ways to prove His power and glory as God's Son. He used a boy with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish to feed 5,000 men and their families. He raised a young girl from death without even being there, and He always welcomed children and invited them to come and be in His presence.

Jesus loves children. Jesus loves you and wants you to belong to His holy family. But in order to be adopted into the family of God, you have to choose to believe in Him. Not just that he existed or that He was a cool guy who did nice things, but that Jesus was exactly who He claimed to be—the Son of God, perfect and holy. When you confess in your heart that Jesus is your Lord and Savior and believe that Jesus died and rose again for your sins, you will be saved! When that happens, you are forever adopted into God's family. You are now safe in the arms of Jesus and belong to Him always.

If you have never prayed and asked Jesus to forgive your sins, don't waste another day to become a member of the greatest and biggest family of all time, with the most amazing Father you'll ever know. Ask Jesus to forgive your sins and then live your life for Him now and always.

MEMORIZE

John 1:12 - But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

FAMILY

Sit down with your family and create a family tree. Talk about your relatives. Did they believe in Jesus? Or are you the first generation of Christians? Your legacy could begin right now!

SHARE

Find a local adoption agency or center to help expecting moms in your area. Ask how you can help them and share the love of Jesus as you serve.

CHALLENGE

Go around the room and say one thing God has equipped you to do really well. How has God made each of you unique? Pray, thanking God for making and using each of you differently.