

1st – 5th Grade Small Group Lesson



Session Title: Children of God

Bible Passage: Romans 8:12-39

Main Point: When we trust in Jesus, God gives us the Holy Spirit and makes us His children.

Key Passage: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Big Picture Question: Who changes us? The Holy Spirit changes us to be like Jesus for God's glory.

Christ Connection: *God is changing believers to be more like Jesus. We are God's children—freed from sin, given power to do what is right, and adopted into God's family. Because Jesus died on the cross, God the Father welcomes us and promises a future with Him forever.*

A Place to Belong

Instruct the group to stand in a circle. Explain that you will call out a set of numbers, and they should form groups with those number of group members. Call out numbers so everyone is included. For example, if there are 13 people in your group, call out "4 and 9" or "3, 4, and 6."

When they have formed their groups, challenge them to find one thing all group members have in common. Call on each group to share. Play additional rounds with new sets of numbers, guiding the group to find similarities each time.

Great job figuring out what you had in common. When we trust in Jesus, God gives us the Holy Spirit and makes us His children. One thing all believers have in common is that we are no longer enemies of God but children of God.

Just like children in an earthly family enjoy benefits that outsiders do not have, children of God enjoy benefits too. God is our good and loving Father. We can go to Him, and He loves us and understands us. God takes care of us and gives us good gifts. He disciplines and guides us. And we relate to other believers as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Word Search



INSTRUCTIONS: Find and circle each of the key words listed. Words marked with stars are hidden backward.

KEY PASSAGE:

2 Corinthians 5:17

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Who changes us? The Holy Spirit changes us to be like Jesus for God's glory.

BIBLE STORY:

CHILDREN OF GOD

- Paul wrote a letter to Christians living in Rome.
- Paul wanted the Romans to understand how their faith was changing them.
- Faith in Jesus made them children of God.
- When we trust in Jesus, God gives us the Holy Spirit and makes us His children.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What does it mean to be a child of God?
- Why is God the best Father?
- How do you feel when you think about God as your Father?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Help your family do some research about kids you could sponsor through an international charitable fund. Discuss how God cares for us.

Younger Kids Activity Pages
Unit 33, Session 1

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ADOPTED*
CHILD*

JESUS*
FLESH*

SIN
LIFE

SPIRIT
GLORIFIED

FREEDOM
HOPE*