

THE Family OF GOD



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

A FEW MOMENTS TO PREPARE.

USE THESE ICONS TO HELP YOU NAVIGATE THIS WEEK'S LESSON



TALK TOGETHER

Family conversations with God's Word.



MORE TO EXPLORE

Answers to kids' questions.



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



COLORING PAGE

Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.

Take a moment to talk through your family tree. Make sure to include grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins on both sides. If it applies to your situation, talk about other family bonds such as fostering, adoption, blended families or half-relatives. Emphasize that while there may be evidence of brokenness in your family tree (divorce, death, strained relationships, etc.), the Lord still believes in the family and has a plan to bless yours.

TALK TOGETHER

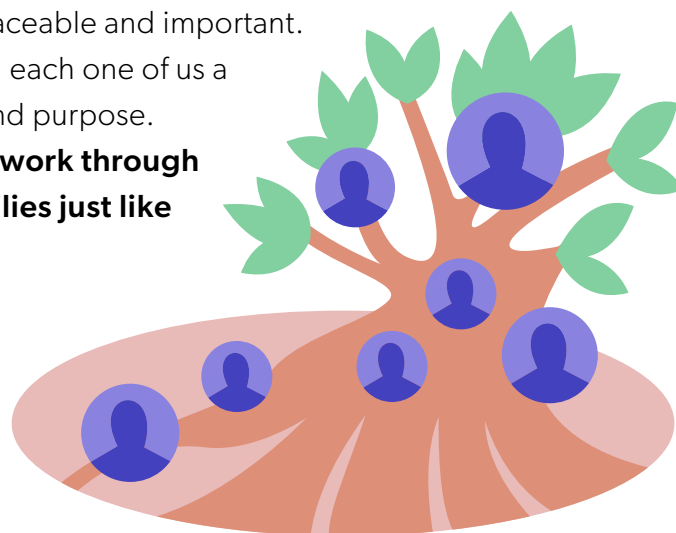
I AM SO THANKFUL FOR THE FAMILY GOD HAS GIVEN US.

We're not perfect, but each person in our family is irreplaceable and important.

God has given each one of us a special plan and purpose.

God loves to work through ordinary families just like ours.

CONT.



In Genesis, we learn about the true story of a man named Abraham and his wife, Sarah. God had big plans for their family and He made Abraham a huge promise. **Can you help me find the book of Genesis? Genesis is the first book of the Bible. Let's read Genesis chapter 12, verses 2 and 3.**

***AND I WILL MAKE OF YOU A GREAT NATION,
AND I WILL BLESS YOU AND MAKE YOUR
NAME GREAT, SO THAT YOU WILL BE A
BLESSING. I WILL BLESS THOSE WHO BLESS
YOU, AND HIM WHO DISHONORS YOU I WILL
CURSE, AND IN YOU ALL THE FAMILIES OF
THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.***



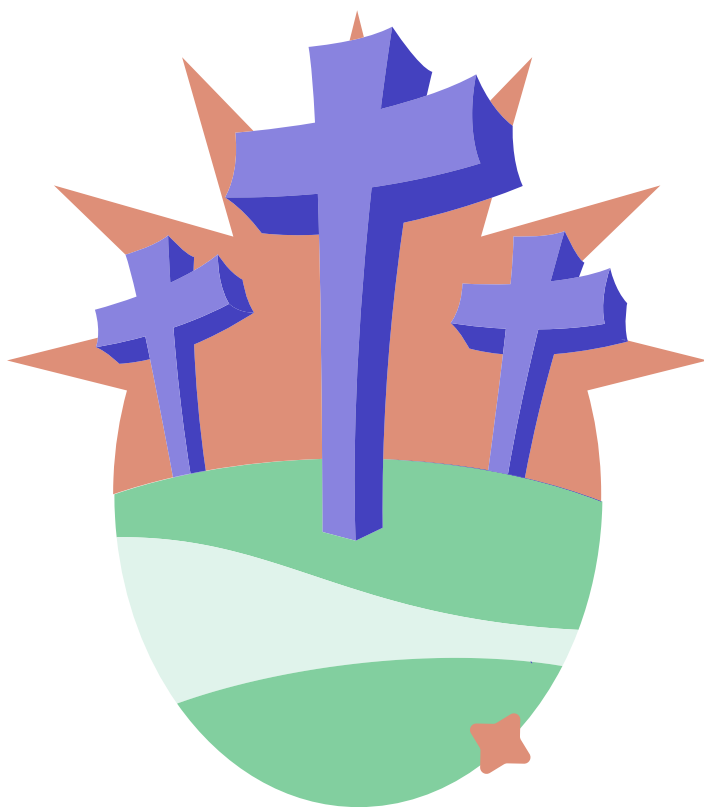
GENESIS 12:2-3

God told Abraham the whole world would be blessed because of his family! But Abraham was super old and he didn't even have any kids! The promise of even one child seemed so incredible that Abraham and Sarah both laughed about it! **But God always keeps His promises.**

Abraham believed God would do what He said. When God decided the time was right, Sarah did have a baby! They named their son Isaac. Their kids and grandkids, and all the children who came after them became known as the **Israelites***. Did you know Jesus, our Savior, was part of God's chosen people, the Israelites, too?



When Jesus was born He fulfilled the long-ago promise God made to Abraham. He is the One from Abraham's family who came to bless all the families of the whole earth — including ours! Because Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sin, anyone who believes in Him can become part of God's family! **Let's read about this in the Book of John. John is in the New Testament and is one of the four Gospels. Can you help me find John chapter 1, verse 12?**



BUT TO ALL WHO DID RECEIVE HIM, WHO BELIEVED IN HIS NAME, HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD.

JOHN 1:12

When we accept Jesus' gift of salvation, **we become part of a new family***, the family of God. No one is better than anyone else in this family. We are all included because of God's great love and mercy toward us. We don't highlight our differences — being Jewish or Gentile, boy or girl, white or black, poor or rich — we are all equal because of Jesus. **(Big kids can read about this in Galatians 3:26-29.)**

Within our **family***, we have the opportunity to live out God's special plans and purpose, and discover how He wants to use us to love and serve others around us.

END OF TALK TOGETHER

★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

WEEK OF JUNE 19, 2022

♥ MEMORIZE

BUT TO ALL WHO DID RECEIVE HIM, WHO BELIEVED IN HIS NAME, HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD.

JOHN 1:12

Q: WHO CAN BECOME A CHILD OF GOD?

A: ALL WHO BELIEVE IN HIS NAME.

SHARE

Tell your kids what it was like to grow up in your family or church family. Be thoughtful and intentional about the memories you share, emphasizing the work of God throughout your family history.



PRAY

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR THE GOOD PLANS YOU HAVE FOR MY EARTHLY FAMILY AND FOR INVITING US, THROUGH JESUS, TO BE PART OF YOURS. HELP US BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS IN OUR CHURCH, SCHOOL(S) AND COMMUNITY BY SHARING YOUR LOVE. AMEN.

CREATE

Create a family tree using photographs to help your little ones see family connections and relationships. Allow them to decorate the tree using their favorite art mediums.

SING

Teach your kids the motions to the song "Father Abraham." Explain that when the song says, "I am one of them and so are you," it is referring to the fact that through Christ we all become sons and daughters of God.

THINK

Who was the first person in your family to come to faith? How has that faith been passed down from generation to generation? Take time to pray for family members by name so that they, too, would become part of the family of God.

CELEBRATE

Set aside time this week to commemorate your "spiritual" birthdays into the family of God. Explain how there is great rejoicing in heaven when someone comes to faith, and your family can join in that celebration by remembering important spiritual milestones.



SCAN HERE TO LISTEN WHEREVER YOU ARE!

SING

Listen to this playlist throughout the series to praise God for "The Family of God."

 **Talk About**

WEEK OF JUNE 19, 2022



MORE TO EXPLORE

HOW DO I BECOME **PART OF THE FAMILY OF GOD?**

God's family is firmly rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you believe in the Lord Jesus and trust Him — that He died for our sins, was buried and rose again — you will be saved (Acts 16:31, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4). This week's verse tells us that when we trust in Christ's gift of forgiveness, we become part of God's family.

NOTE TO PARENTS: If you need a little more help explaining the Gospel, check out the "God's Big Story" series at talkaboutdiscipleship.com. We've designed this series to help you share the message of Jesus in a simple and engaging way.

WHAT MAKES THE **ISRAELITES** SO SPECIAL?

The very short answer is that God chose them in His wisdom and mercy. Romans 9 explains that a potter decides what to make out of his clay, not the other way around. God, as the Potter, our loving Creator, fashions people for whatever purpose He sees fit. He chose to use the Israelites, who we now call the Jewish people, in a special way to make known His plan of redemption on Earth. Jesus may have come to us **through** the Jewish people, but He came to save **anyone** who is lost and far from God.

WHAT IF THINGS AREN'T GREAT IN MY FAMILY?

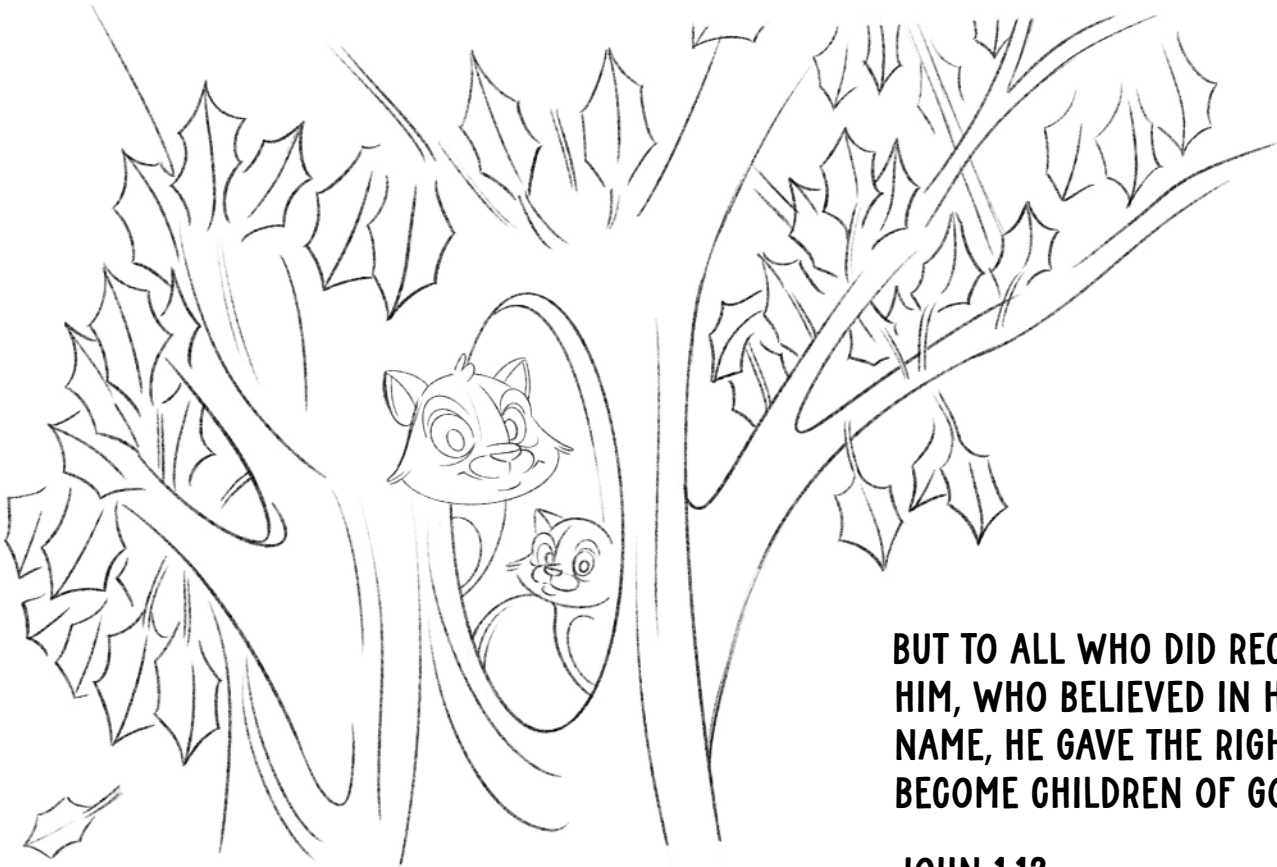
Families aren't perfect. Different families will have different trials. Sometimes the effects of sin on families can be painful. It is important to remember that God can redeem any situation in any family if its members are willing to repent, turn from their sin and follow Him. Remember, even if your family isn't perfect, followers of Jesus are part of the perfect family of God! He loves and cares for you, and knows everything about you.

In situations of danger or abuse, it is important to seek appropriate help to ensure each family member's physical and emotional safety.

ADDITIONAL PASSAGES YOUR FAMILY CAN READ TOGETHER:

- Read more about the promises made to Abraham's descendants in **GENESIS 12:1-8, 13:14-18, 15, 17-18, 21:1-7**.
- **ROMANS 9** explains why God chose to bring Jesus to the world through the nation of Israel.
- **GALATIANS 3:26-29** provides a beautiful complement and summary to the teaching found in Romans 9.

Talk About



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