



## **THE GOSPEL PROJECT SR. SPECIAL: FATHER'S DAY LESSON**

**Date:** Sunday June 16, 2019 **Teachers:** Isaiah D, Monica B, Sophia B

**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

### **OPENING: "stories"(Sophia) materials: (none)**

Today is Father's Day. Tell a story about your dad. Invite kids to tell a story about their dad.

When we put our faith in Jesus, we are made God's children, God is our Father. The best story of all is that we are adopted into his family and He loves us as his own children

**KEY PASSAGE: (Isaiah) "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17**

(Don't write it out, give out the key passage cards and have the kids work to fill in the blanks

### **INTRO TO LESSON:( Isaiah) "Family Ties" (materials: index cards, or small paper)**

Write different family members on index cards, such as mother, father, brother, sister, and so forth. Invite volunteers to come and draw a card. Kids must attempt to describe the person on the card without using proper nouns, synonyms or "rhymes-with" words.

For example, if a kid drew the card grandfather he could not say "another word for grandpa," or "It rhymes with and bother." He could say, "This person is married to your grandmother," or "This person is your father/mother's dad."

Say• Most of the time, when we talk about family members, we are speaking of people who live in the same house with us or are related to us by blood. But when we trust in Jesus, God gives us the Holy Spirit and makes us His children. If we all share one heavenly Father, that means we are all brothers and sisters in Christ! The family of God is all the people around the world who love Jesus and believe in Him for forgiveness of their sin. Just like our earthly family, the family of God is joined together by love and works together to help one another. We are all on mission together to glorify God and spread the gospel.

### **BIBLE STORY: (video)**

### **BIBLE STORY REVIEW SKILLS: Monica**

Form two teams. Give each team a miniature dry erase board and markers or a chalkboard and chalk. Ask questions aloud and give teammates time to work together to come up with an answer. Instruct each team to write its answers on its board. After a minute or so, count down from three and both teams will hold up their board to show their answer. You may keep track of right answers or award bonus points to teams who provide a Scripture reference where the answer is found.

If this game is too difficult for your group, or you have nonwriters, consider altering the activity to ask the kids

Option: Retell or review the Bible story using the bolded text of the Bible story script.

questions one at a time while sitting in a circle, allowing them to answer verbally instead of writing. Questions:

**Who wrote the letter that we learned about today?** (the apostle Paul, Rom. 1:1)

**Whom was the letter written to?** (Christians living in Rome, Rom. 1:7)

**Who does God give us when we trust Jesus?** (the Holy Spirit, Rom. 8:15-16)

**What do we become when we trust Jesus?** (children of God, Rom. 8:14-15)

Say • When we trust in Jesus, God gives us the Holy Spirit and makes us His children. We don't have to be afraid of God. Our Father loves and forgives us.

### **DISCUSSION VIDEO (Isaiah)**

Leader • Everyone feels afraid sometimes. What are some things you might be afraid of? Think about that as you watch this video.

Show the "Unit 33, Session 1" discussion starter video. Discuss with the kids what the cupcakes were afraid of.

What helped them calm down and overcome their fear? What kinds of things are we afraid of? How does having God as our Father calm our fears?

Leader • Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins. As a result, God declares those who trust in Jesus as righteous and clean, as if we are without sin. God adopts us into His family. He sees us as He sees Jesus and loves us as His children. Nothing can separate us from His love. One day we will be with Him forever in a new, perfected, and restored earth.

### **ACTIVITY: FATHER'S DAY COLOURING SHEET (ALL)**

**The BIBLE Story**  
**Children of God**  
**Romans 8:12-39**

Paul, a leader and teacher in the early church, wrote a letter to the believers in Rome. Rome was the capital of the Roman Empire. Paul was planning to visit the believers there, and he wanted to make sure they believed the right things about Jesus.

Paul also wanted believers to remember how they should live. Paul wrote that when we trust in Jesus, God gives us the Holy Spirit and makes us His children. That changes everything about how we think and what we do.

Paul explained that the Holy Spirit helps believers say no to sin, and He gives us power to live in a way that pleases God. The Holy Spirit makes us God's children! We do not need to be afraid of God; He is like a Father. He loves us!

God sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to die on the cross. Jesus never sinned. He always did what was right, but He died the death we deserve for our sin. When we trust in Jesus, God the Father forgives our sins and treats us as His own children! That is what we are.

Because we are part of God's family, our future is incredibly bright. We may face problems and sufferings in this life, but God has wonderful blessings for us. One day we will be with Him forever.

Paul wrote that the Holy Spirit helps us when we are weak. He helps us pray when we don't know what words to say. He is changing us to be more like Jesus.

God the Father gave us the greatest gift—Jesus—and we know He will give us everything we need. God loves us, and nothing can separate us from His love. Death cannot separate us from His love. Life cannot separate us from His love. No enemy power can separate us; nothing in all of creation can separate us from the love of God that is in Jesus.

*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.*