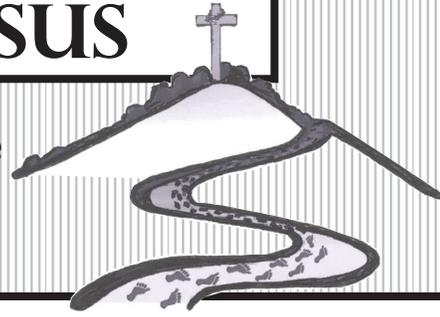


TO BE LIKE JESUS

Parent Resource Page Lesson 10: SALVATION: ADOPTION



Themes:

- ◆ Adoption is an act of God in which He makes us members of His family.
- ◆ Everyone who is trusting in Jesus is given the right to become a child of God.
- ◆ God's children enjoy a special and intimate relationship with Him.
- ◆ God's children are heirs to all of His good promises.

Scripture:

John 1:12; Galatians 3:26; Romans 9:25b; Ephesians 1:4-5a; Matthew 7:11; Psalm 103:13; Matthew 6:6; Matthew 25:34; Hebrews 12:5-6; Matthew 6:14; John 14:26; John 10:29; Matthew 28:20b; Isaiah 40:11; 1 John 3:1a, 2

Memory Verses: John 1:12 and Ephesians 1:4b-5a

But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.

In love He predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ.

Take it to heart: What special privileges do you have in relation to your own parents? Do your parents treat you in a special way because you have *earned* your parents love and affection? That is because good parents love their children unconditionally—without regard to any merit in their child. Can you become a child of God and be loved in a special way by God because of anything that you have done to earn it? Review John 1:12 and Galatians 3:26. Do you feel that you are a child of God? Why or why not?

Do you feel loved by God? Do you feel free to call God your heavenly Father? Why or why not? Do you feel His provision and protection? Do you feel that God cares for and loves you in a way that is similar to how your parents care for and love you? Can you give an example of this? How can being in a loving human family help you to better understand what it's like to be in God's family? How can being a part of a church help you to better understand what it is like to be a part of God's family?

Along with the privileges of being a child in a family, there are also responsibilities such as honoring your parents and obeying them (Ephesians 6:1-3). If you are a child of God, are there special responsibilities that you have toward Him? Are there special ways that you should act towards Him? Can you give examples?

Pray about it: Go in prayer to your heavenly Father each day this week. Praise Him and thank Him for all the wonderful blessings that He has lavished on you. Remember that God gives only good gifts to His children! Pray for your parents also. God has given you parents to help you to better understand what He is like.