

# WEEK 3

## GOD IS PROVIDER GOD PROVIDES FAMILY

PRIMARY LESSON GUIDE



### THE FOUR KEYS

#### KEY VERSE

He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will. Ephesians 1:5

#### KEY IDEAS

1. We are born into a cursed family because of sin.
2. We are adopted into God's family through Jesus when we are saved.
3. We can become sons and daughters of God because of Jesus.

#### KEY PASSAGE

Romans 8:14-17

#### KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .

we are all born into a cursed family because of sin.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .

loved by a God who makes a way for us to be part of His family.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .

know that Jesus's sacrifice and our faith in Him brings us into His family.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .

to trust in Jesus and be welcomed into the family of God.

# INTRODUCTION

God is the One who not only creates life, but He sustains it. The very breath in our lungs comes from God, and He is the source of all life in heaven and on earth. Nothing lives apart from Him, and everything we have has been given to us because of Him. Everything God gives is good, and He takes care of His children. Jesus says in Matthew 6:25-33 that life is more than what we eat or drink, and we should not worry that He will provide what we need. The birds of the air do not store away their food, and yet the Father feeds them. The flowers of the field do not spin yarn for clothing and yet the grass is beautifully adorned with them. God takes great care in all of His creation, and people are His greatest creation because we are made in His image. We can trust our Father can take greater care of us than we can for ourselves.

## OPENING ILLUSTRATION

Begin class by leading the children in a discussion about family. Ask, "What makes a family?" Allow time for responses. Explain that a family is a group of people who are related to one another and usually live together and love each other and depend on each other. Families can look different and not all are the same. No family is perfect because all of us sin. Sometimes sin can even cause families to be broken, but our Heavenly Father provides us a family, the family of God, and it is a family that one day will be perfect because Heaven is perfect. There is no sin in Heaven. All people, from all over the world, who love God and have trusted in Him get to be a part of this family right now. In this world, we still sin and have trouble because the world is broken, but one day God will make all things new, and we will be with Him in Heaven forever! In Heaven there will be no more sin or hurt or brokenness in God's family. This is the hope we have because of Jesus!

## STORY

Read Romans 8:14-17.

The Bible tells us that as Christians, people who have placed our faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins, we have eternal life! This means that one day, after we die, we will be with Jesus forever and ever in His Kingdom, a perfect place where there is no sin or suffering or death.

The Bible also tells us that when we are saved, we are adopted into the family of God. God is our Father and we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. This means that one day, we will all be in Heaven together as a family and there will be no more broken relationships.

In this world, we still have trouble and we still sin because the world is broken. It is not as it should be. When Jesus returns, He will make all things new! The world will one day become perfect and our relationships and family will one day be perfect! This is the hope we have because of Jesus, the One True God, who came to rescue us from sin and death. Until that day, God has given His children the Holy Spirit who is our helper to live for Him, bring Him glory, and love each other.

## ACTIVITY

Create a people chain using the supplies in the teacher's closet. Help each child trace their hand onto a sheet of construction paper (they can use any color they like) and cut it out. Let them decorate and write their names on their hand. Next, punch a hole in the sides of the hands and run string through them to create a chain. Hang the chain up in the classroom. Explain that we are all adopted into God's family when we are saved and that makes us all brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

## PRAYER

Thank God that He provides us a family, His family, and that one day we will live together in perfect harmony. Ask God to help you know more about His perfect family that you can be a part of!

## SONG

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands by We Sing Bible Songs

# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

John 3:16-17, 1 John 3:1-2

## ACTIVITY

On a blank piece of paper, use finger paint to make a thumb print of each of your family members. Draw stick figures for each thumbprint to make them into people (the print should be the head). Explain how as Christians, we are part of the family of God. Use the discussion questions below to facilitate further discussion.

## DISCUSSION

- How are we born into a cursed family?  
Adam and Eve sinned and introduced sin into the heart of everyone born after.
- How are we adopted into the family of God?  
Repentance of sin and belief in Christ to save us from our sin. (By grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone).
- What does it mean to be a son and daughter of God?  
God no longer sees our sin but instead sees the righteousness of Jesus on us. He has given us His Holy Spirit so that we can bear fruit and show love to one another because He has loved us first.

## PRAYER

Thank God giving us a family. Ask God to help you show love to your brothers and sisters in Christ.