

TAKE-HOME VBS ACTIVITY

Topic: *Loved and Adopted by God*

—Ephesians 1:3-14

Opening Prayer:

Dear Father in Heaven,
Help us to understand how big and how deep Your love is, that You would adopt us as Your own children! Thank you for loving us, even when we do bad things, for forgiving us, and showing us the way to go, just like an earthly parent. In Your Son Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.

Bible Verse:

He chose us in Him, before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. —Ephesians 1:4

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[Reread the passage from Ephesians (above.) Discuss what it means to be in a family and what adoption is.]

Discussion Questions:

In this letter from Paul to the church in Ephesus, he is telling them that being a Christian is like being in a family, an important part of an interactive group that supports and loves each other. How is being part of a church like being part of a family-- your church family?

Paul said that before the world was even created, God decided ahead of time that we should be set apart and especially close to Him. How big is that kind of power and that kind of love?

If Jesus is the "King of Kings and Lord of Lords," and we are adopted into His family as co-heirs to His Kingdom, what does that make us?

God has always wanted us to be close to Him, like a father wants his children close. But can people like us who sin and make mistakes be in the same room with God?

If we can only be with God if we are "holy and blameless," then how do we become "Blameless?"

Servant Activity:

Love Letter to Your Family

Materials: Pencils, paper, stickers, crayons or markers

Write a love letter to your family, thanking them for all of the things that make family life important: being together, trusting in one another, pitching in, building each other up, having a home with food, clothes, cars, books, heat and air-conditioning, toys, games, and sports, etc. Decorate it and share!

Craft Activity:

Make an Heir with Christ Crown

Materials: Crown cut-out, scissors, hole-punch, stick-on jewels, markers, yarn or 2 pipe-cleaners.

Color and cut out the crown along the heavy black line. Decorate the crown with jewel stickers and make it your own! To wear, punch holes at the side dots and tie around your head using two pieces of yarn or two pipe-cleaners.