

### DECEMBER 4, 2022 PRIMARY LIFE APPLICATION STORY



Terrell was excited to play kickball in gym class. He hoped he would be on a good team. Terrell's name was finally called to join his teacher's team.

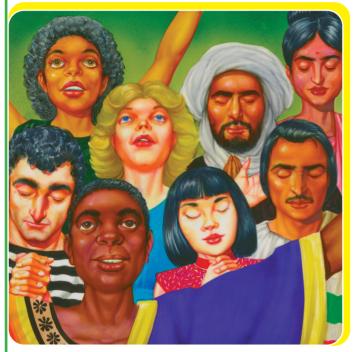
When Terrell's turn came, he walked up to home plate and got ready. The ball was rolled, and Terrell kicked it all the way across the gym!

Terrell ran around the bases as fast as he could. "Go, Terrell, go!" his team members yelled. Terrell made it to home plate and scored a point for his team! It was good to help and belong to the team!

## LESSON 1 • DECEMBER 4, 2022

*"He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, [according to] his pleasure and will—to the praise of his grace [he gave freely] to us in the One he loves"* (from Ephesians 1:5–6, NIV).

# We are God's Children



Even before God made the world, He already loved us and had a plan for us to be part of His special team. God is our Heavenly Father. He already knew He would send His Son Jesus to the earth to die on the Cross for our sins.

The Bible says that when we believe in Jesus, God forgives our sins, gives us His Holy Spirit, and makes us

part of His family. This means that all the blessings and promises God has for His family now belong to us. God does all of this because He loves us, and He wants us to praise Him. Let's all give our Heavenly Father a shout of praise: Praise the Lord!

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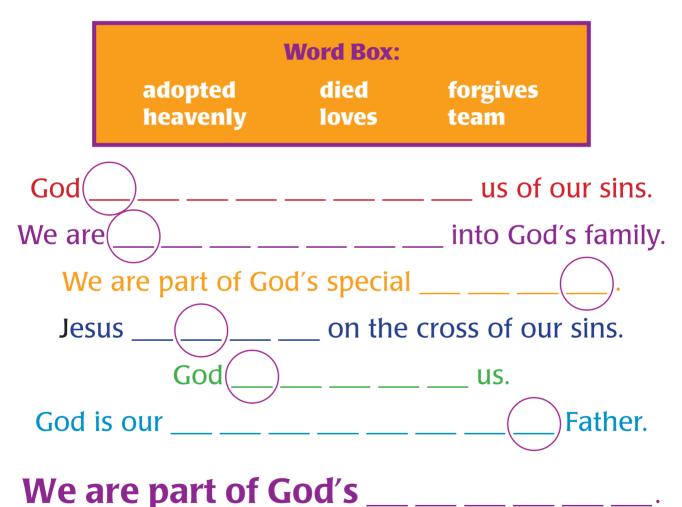


### **Family Truths**

Memory

Verse:

Use the words from the Word Box to complete each sentence. Write the circled letters on the line at the bottom to complete the last sentence.



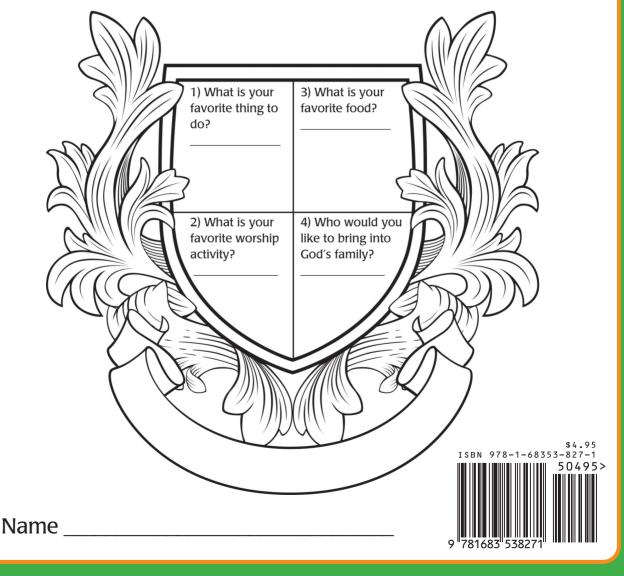
"[God] chose us in [Christ] before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight" (from Ephesians 1:4, NIV). Today our child learned about God's love for us. When we give our lives to Jesus, we are part of God's family. Spend some time this week praising God together for His wonderful gift!

DEAR PARENTS



### **Part of the Family**

Let's create a family crest! Look at the items below. Write or draw one item in each section of the crest. Then color the crest.





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Deborah and Paul were fighting. "Stop messing with my video game!" said Paul.

"Dad said we have to share it!" Deborah said.

"What's all this noise about?" Dad asked as he came into the room. "You know God loves you both, right? He's happy when you love each other, so work this out!"

The kids felt bad. "I'm sorry," Deborah said. "Finish playing. I'll go next."

*"I'm sorry, too. Let's* play together," said Paul.

Deborah and Paul had fun playing together.

## **LESSON 2 • DECEMBER 11, 2022**

"In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord" (Ephesians 2:21, NIV).

# **A Part of the Family**



Paul wrote a letter to the people at the church in the city of Ephesus. He reminded them how Jews and Gentiles (anyone who was not Jewish) used to argue. They didn't like each other because they were so different in so many ways.

The Gentiles didn't know who Jesus was, and they didn't know that Jesus loved them and died on the Cross

for their sins. But then Paul reminded them that Jesus' love brought them together as one. When the Gentiles heard the Good News of Jesus' love and accepted His love, they didn't have to feel like strangers anymore. The Jews and the Gentiles now had the same Heavenly Father because of Jesus' death on the Cross. They all became members of God's family.

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### **Linked in Christ**

Complete the puzzle with words from today's Bible Story.

### **Across** 6 1. Jesus died on the \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins. 2. Instead of fighting, we should live in . 8 Down 0 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus 4 brings people together. 0 4. Paul didn't want the \_\_\_\_\_ to argue with the Gentiles. 5. We have unity with God and each other through

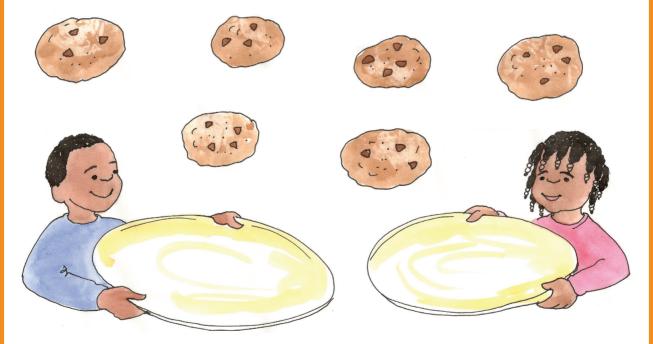
Memory Verse: "Through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs with Israel, in the promise in Christ Jesus" (from Ephesians 3:6, NIV). Your child learned today that all who love Jesus are part of God's family regardless of color of skin, place of birth, or anything else. God wants us united in Him. This week, look for ways to share God's love with others together!

DEAR PARENTS



### **Sharing a Snack**

One way we can be united with others is by sharing. Dad gave Deborah and Paul cookies to share. He put half of the cookies on a plate for Deborah and the other half on Paul's plate. Draw the right amount of cookies on each plate. Next, write down how you can share God's love with someone this week.



I can share God's love with someone this week by \_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_