



CHILDREN OF GOD

JOHN 1:12; ROMANS 8:14-17; 1 PETER 1:3-4

LEARN THE WORD

Colossians 2:6-7

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

- When people receive Jesus as their Savior, they become children of God. God is their Father, and other believers around the world are their brothers and sisters.
- Believers are adopted into God's family and become heirs with a promised inheritance in heaven.

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

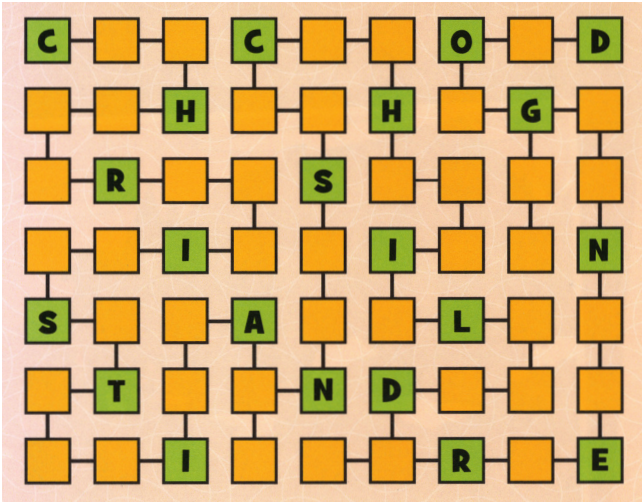
OUTWORD FOR FAMILY DISCUSSION

Suppose you hear someone say, "All people are God's children."

What could you say?

It is true that God created all of us in His image. And the Bible says that He loves the world He created. But the Bible also says that we are born as sinners and only become children of God when we receive Jesus Christ. We must turn away from our sins and trust Him for eternal life, and then we will be adopted into God's family. Becoming a child of God is a very special privilege, which allows us to call God our Father. God also promises the perfect inheritance of heaven to all of His children—those saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Activity: Follow the line and write down the letters in the green boxes as you come to them. Put them in the blanks below to answer the question, "Who are the children of God?"



_____ are
_____ of _____

Answers: Christians, Children, God

HOMESWORD

FOR PARENTS

Sinners who are saved by God's grace are not only forgiven, redeemed, and granted eternal life, but they are also adopted into God's family! All true believers are led by the Spirit of God and are sons of God. They have received the Spirit of adoption and can now call God, "Abba, Father" (Romans 8:15-16). Just like salvation, this adoption is completely of God. No one deserves it, nor could anyone achieve it. It is God, through His mercy and love, who allows this privilege to sinners.

But what does all of this mean to those who are saved? It means we can know and trust God—the Creator and Sustainer of the entire universe—as a good and loving Father. God receives ALL believers into His family as adopted children who become brothers and sisters in Christ. Other believers—whether they are next door or across the globe—are now part of our family.

We are heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17). But what are we heirs of? In Christ, we have all been born again into an inheritance through His resurrection. This inheritance promised to the children of God is imperishable; it will last forever. It is an inheritance that is undefiled and perfect. And this is an inheritance that will not fade away but will maintain all of its beauty—unlike the things of the world that weaken, decline, and depreciate. This promised eternal inheritance is being kept in heaven for all believers (1 Peter 1:4)!

As believers, we are eagerly waiting for the culmination of our inheritance, which includes the completion of our adoption and the redemption of our bodies. Through faith we wait, hoping for what we cannot see but believing and eagerly waiting for it with perseverance (Romans 8:23-25).