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For God's Little Children

"Carly, do you know how special you are?" Dad asked. Carly snuggled up in Dad's lap. "Yes," she said. "You and Mom picked me out." "That's right," said Dad. "We wanted a little girl just like you. When we saw you in the orphanage, we fell in love with you and your big, brown eyes right away." "I'm glad," said Carly. "Me, too," said Dad, hugging her tightly. "We're one big, happy family." "Forever?" asked Carly. "Forever," said Dad. Carly smiled a big smile.



“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



Praise God—the Father of our Lord Jesus. He has blessed us with special blessings from heaven. He chose us to be His very own even before the world was created. Because Jesus died on the cross for our sins, God sees us as holy and sinless.

God loves us and adopted us into His family. He gives us grace. He forgives us if we do

something wrong.

Jesus is the Head of our whole Christian family. Everyone who loves Jesus belongs to His family. He came at just the right time.

You who heard about Jesus and believed that it was true, believing in Him_ you belong to God—forever. Nothing can change that!

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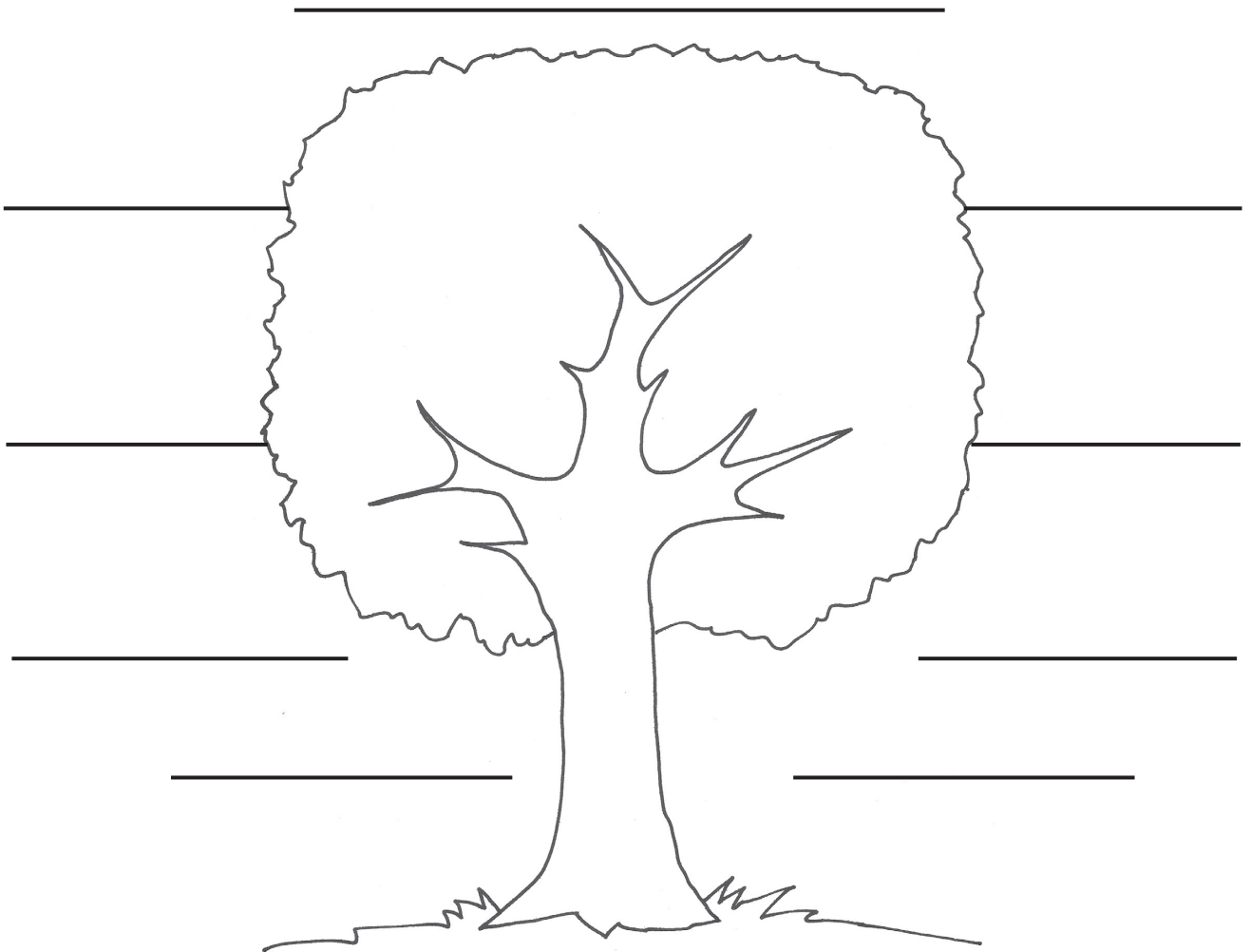
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Family Tree

Color the tree. Then write the names of your family members at the end of each line from the tree (siblings, cousins, aunts, grandparents, etc.). Now you have a family tree! Your teacher can help you write the names.



Memory Verse:

*"[God] chose us in [Christ] before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight"
(from Ephesians 1:4, NIV).*

Your child learned today that we are chosen and adopted by God because we believe in Jesus. They wrote the name of someone they would like to tell about God's family. This week you can share God's love with that person together!

GROWING

We Are Family

What makes the people in this family different? Circle the tallest person. Underline the smallest. Draw a box around the face of the oldest person. Draw a triangle around the youngest person. Write the name of someone you want to tell about God's family this week.



"Someone I want to tell about God's family

is _____."

Name _____

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"I like eating Sunday dinner with our family," said Jocelyn. "Me too," said Derek. "We do have a big family, don't we?" said Mom, looking around the table. "I can hardly remember all the names!" They all laughed. Dad laughed, and it made his mustache go up and down. It was funny! Our sisters, Tonya and Jody, laughed. Our cousins Tyler, Elton, and Marly laughed, too. Grandma Evelyn and Grandpa Harlan looked at us, and then they laughed! "It's nice being part of a big family," said Jocelyn.



*“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



There was a time when you who are Gentiles were not a part of God’s family. Gentiles are people who are not Jews. You didn’t know Jesus. You were like strangers to us. You did not have any hope.

But now Christ Jesus has brought you near to God the Father. Jesus made peace between God and us. He did this on the Cross. Now we and

the Jewish people can come to God through Jesus.

We are not strangers anymore. We are together with God’s people. We’re part of God’s family! Jesus is the Head of our family.

When we believe in Jesus, God’s Holy Spirit lives in us.

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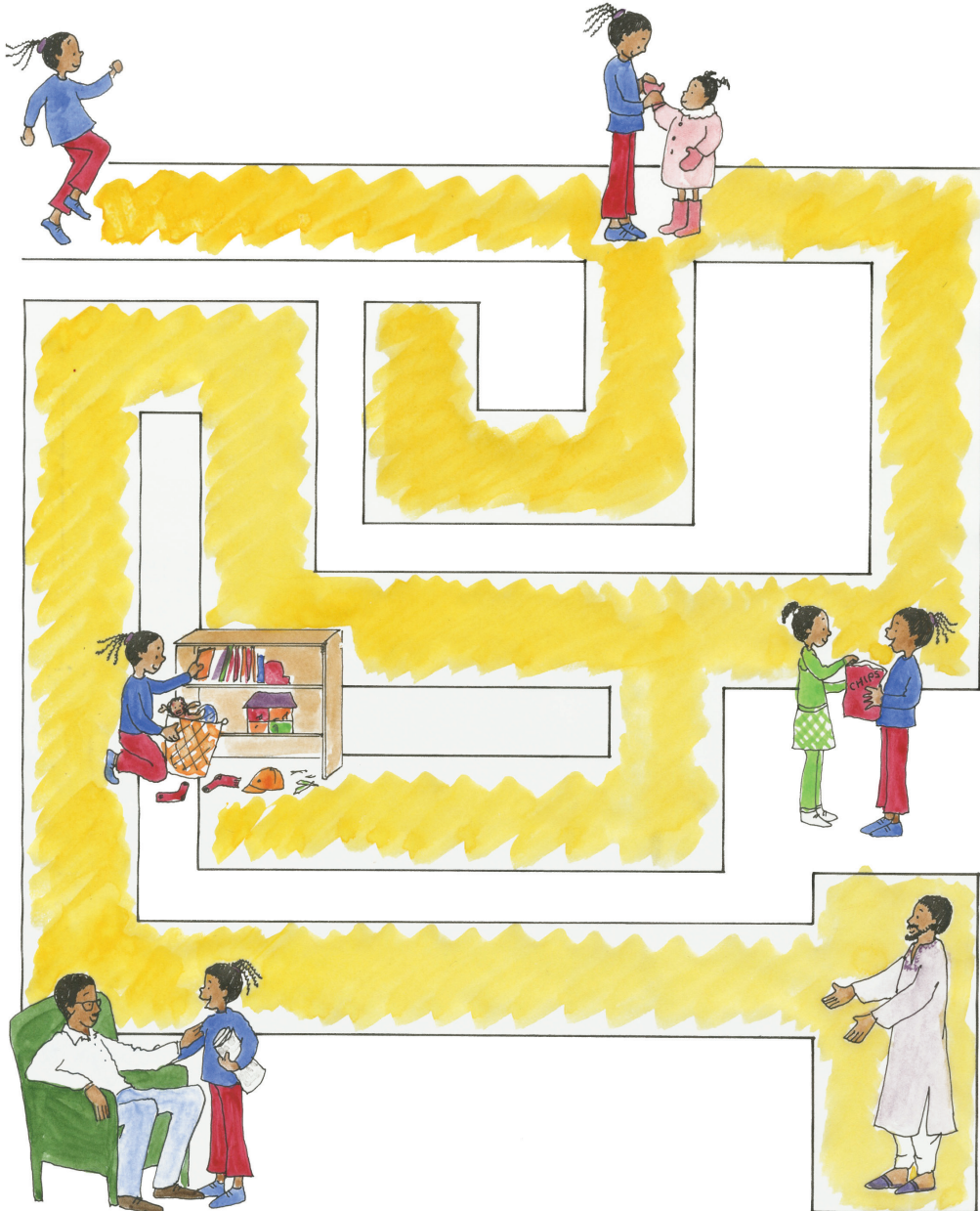
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Family of God

Complete the maze to meet Jesus and become a part of God's family.



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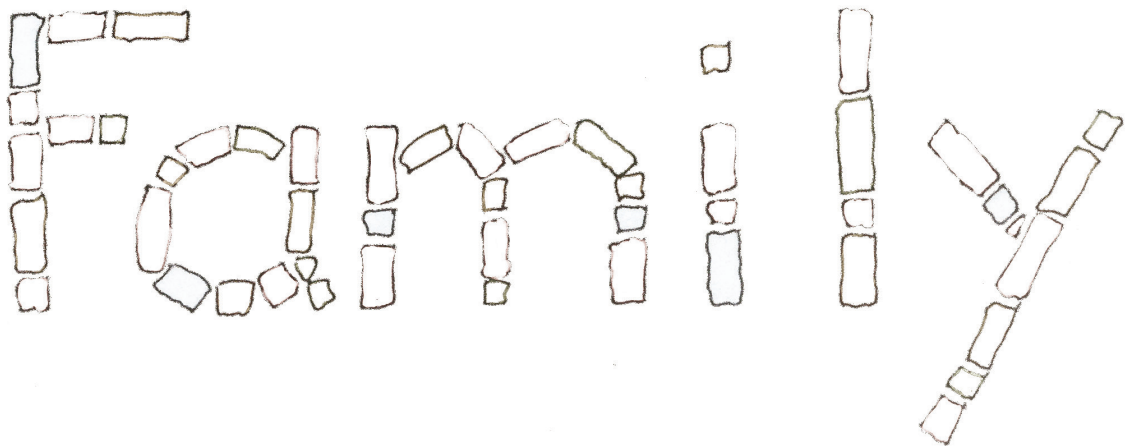
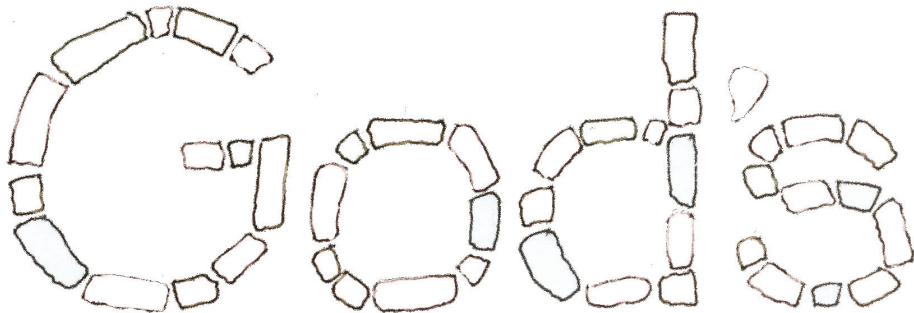
*“Through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs with Israel, in the promise in Christ Jesus”
(from Ephesians 3:6, NIV).*

Today your child learned that everyone who believes in Jesus can be a part of God's family. They named someone they would like to invite to church. This week, you can invite someone to join God's family in worship!



One Big Family

Point to and say the sound of each letter. Then color the letters. Who can you invite to church next week to join God's family in worship? Write their name.



"I can invite _____
to worship with God's family this week."

Name _____