



Lesson 3: “I Can Be God’s Child”

Online Crew Club Plan

<u>Key Teaching Point</u>	God is good, and I can be his child.
<u>Key Bible Verse</u>	“See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!” 1 John 3:1 (NLT)
<u>Scripture Passage</u>	“Jesus blesses the children” (Luke 18:15-17, Psalm 139:13-16)
<u>Materials</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Bible• 03: “I Can Be God’s Child” Zoom Slides
<u>Mystery Bag</u> (Optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zoom scavenger hunt printable, round 1

Relate (10 minutes)

Welcome crew members.

Greet crew members as they sign on.

Icebreaker Options (Choose one.):

- Ask students to share their highs and lows (the best and worst things that happened to them either today or from the past week).
- Rosebud: Ask students to share a highlight or success from the week (a rose), a challenge or disappointment from the week (a thorn) and something they are looking forward to doing or experiencing in the week ahead (a bud).
- Open a discussion with the question, “What is something special about the way that God made you? What about the people in your family?”

Play a game.



Zoom Scavenger Hunt - Round 1¹

To play this game, share your screen, and upload the Zoom slides for lesson 3. Display the scavenger hunt slides one item at a time. The first student to come back with that item receives a point. Students can receive points individually or as a team.

You could also choose your own game from the [Zoom Playbook](#).



Receive (10 minutes)

Hear God's Word

We are learning about what it means to be God's child. We are going to see in today's story how Jesus, God's Son, treats children. As I read the story, I want you to close your eyes and imagine that you are an observer watching the following events take place.

Jesus is with his disciples teaching crowds of people when a group of parents arrives. These parents want to bring their little children to Jesus so he can bless them. These parents want Jesus to speak kind words over their children. The disciples scold the parents for disturbing Jesus and try to stop them from bringing their children to Jesus. But Jesus speaks up and says to his disciples, "Bring the children to me. Do not stop them from coming to me. The Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children."

Tell students to open their eyes.

- **What do you think it means to bless someone?** (To speak good words over them and to desire good for them)
- **Why do you think Jesus blesses the children? Tell a friend next to you what you think.**

Call the group to attention, and take responses from two students.

Jesus loves each child because he made every one of them. Jesus is God! Did you know that God made you, too?

God created the whole world and has a purpose for every living thing, including you and me. The Bible tells us that when God made the world, he called it good. Then, when God made people, he called us "very good." You are God's good creation, and he wants you to be his child.

David, one of the writers of the Bible, wrote about how God created each one of us and cares deeply for us.

¹ Mystery bag version: Send each student a printable list of items for round 1 of the Zoom scavenger hunt before the club session. The first student to arrive with all five items wins.



Read Psalm 139:13-16 from *The Message* version. Share your screen, and look up the passage on [Bible Gateway](#).

**Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out;
you formed me in my mother's womb.
I thank you, High God—you're breathtaking!
Body and soul, I am marvelously made!
I worship in adoration—what a creation!
You know me inside and out,
you know every bone in my body;
You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit,
how I was sculpted from nothing into something.**

God, the Creator, loves us and blesses us by calling us to be his children and forming each one of us in a uniquely wonderful way. He invites us to become his children by choosing to follow Jesus.

Review the Bible verse:

“See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!” 1 John 3:1 (NLT)

Engage and Explore the Story

Engage crew members in a discussion:

- **How do the disciples react when the children come near to Jesus?** (The disciples are angry at the parents for bringing their children.)
- **Why do you think the disciples respond that way?** (Answers will vary.)
- **How does Jesus respond to the children?** (He welcomes them, and he blesses them. Jesus tells the crowd and the disciples to let the children come to him.)
- **How does God welcome you and me?** (God wants his children to draw near to him, and he wants to bless them. He invites us to be his children.)
- **What does it mean to be God's child? How can you become God's child?** (Answers will vary. There is an opportunity to share the gospel here if the Holy Spirit leads.)



Respond (10 minutes)

Apply God's truth.

Imagine meeting someone really important. Who might that be?



Take student responses. (Examples: a president, a movie star, a famous singer, etc.) If possible, encourage students to type their answers into the chat box so that everyone can share.

Think of how great it would feel to receive a blessing of kind words, like, “Good job,” or “I think you’re really cool,” from someone really important. How would you feel? What would you think?

Take student responses.

When Jesus blessed the children, his words were more valuable than any kind words you might receive from an important person. Jesus came and lived on earth as a person, but he was also the Son of God. So the words of blessing that Jesus speaks over us are more valuable than any other words of blessing we might receive! Jesus’s words of blessing come directly from our God who created all things and rules over everything in the universe.

Jesus speaks a blessing over you, too! You can be God’s child, and God can be your good and loving Father. He created you in a unique way, and he loves and cares for you! He has blessed you with characteristics, abilities and interests that make you who you are. No one else is exactly like you!

Give each student an opportunity to share what makes them unique.

Pray together.

God’s Word says,

“I will praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” Psalms 139:14 (NIV)

When we give praise to God, we tell God about all the wonderful things he has done for us, and we remind ourselves of God’s kindness and love toward us! We are going to praise God for creating us in so many unique and wonderful ways.

Encourage each student to pray a short, one-sentence prayer following the prompt below. Display the prompt from the Zoom slides. You may want to give some examples. (I praise you because you made me: *kind, artistic, smart, funny*)

Dear God,

I praise you because you made me _____.



Take prayer requests, and close in prayer.

