



# **DISCOVERING GOD'S TREASURE: WHO I AM IN CHRIST**

## **Family Discussion Guides**

School Year 2022-2023

Unit 1

## Family Discussion Guide: Who Can Be God's Child?

### **UNIT 1: The Son of God: A Human Being!**

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“In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

God sent a man, John the Baptist, to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. **But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.** They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.”

*John 1:1-14, New Living Translation*

### ***To Discuss***

- Kids, talk about what it means to you to be a child.
- Parents, talk about what it means to you to be a parent.
- You've already been born into this world! What do you think it means to be born as a child of God?
- How would knowing our identity as children of God change our attitudes? Our actions?
- How might seeing yourself as God's child change how you pray (talk) to and approach God?

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“So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters. For he said to God, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you among your assembled people.”

He also said, “I will put my trust in him,” that is, “I and the children God has given me.”

Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

We also know that the Son did not come to help angels; he came to help the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people.” *Hebrews 2:11-17, New Living Translation*

### ***To Discuss***

- Jesus, the Son of God, became a human being. What do you think he experienced while he lived on the earth?
- Have you ever experienced the same thing as someone else? Did that shared experience make you feel closer to that person?
- Do you ever feel misunderstood? How does it make you feel to know that Jesus experienced a lot of the same things you’ve experienced in your life?
- Who can Jesus call his own brothers and sisters? Why?

## Family Discussion Guide: In My Father's House

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“Every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual. After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn’t miss him at first, because they assumed he was among the other travelers. But when he didn’t show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends.

When they couldn’t find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there. Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

His parents didn’t know what to think. “Son,” his mother said to him, “why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere.” **“But why did you need to search?” he asked. “Didn’t you know that I must be in my Father’s house?”** But they didn’t understand what he meant. Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart. Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.” *Luke 2:41-52, New Living Translation*

### ***To Discuss***

- Tell about a time when you were lost or you lost something precious to you.
- What does this story tell you about Jesus, his relationship with his parents, and his relationship with God the Father?
- How does Jesus respond to his parents?
- Why do you think Jesus was in the Temple?
- What kinds of human experiences (like getting lost) do you think Jesus had?
- Is there anyone who you want to be around all the time? Why do you think you feel that way?

## Family Discussion Guide: God Defines Me

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“I [John] baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with a never-ending fire.”

Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. But John tried to talk him out of it. “I am the one who needs to be baptized by you,” he said, “so why are you coming to me?”

But Jesus said, “It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires.” So John agreed to baptize him.

After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.” *Matthew 3:11-17, New Living Translation*

### ***To Discuss***

- Why do you think John didn’t want to baptize Jesus with water? How did Jesus respond?
- What does the voice from heaven say about Jesus? How do you think Jesus felt hearing God say this about him?
- Who told Jesus who he is? Who tells us who we are?
- Has anyone ever told you something about who you are? How did it impact you? How much more should we care about what God says about us?