

## **WEEK #4 (8-15-21) Means of Grace #2 -The Bible**

### **KEY WORDS: God's Kids are all family**

**MEMORY VERSE :** John 1:14 *“And the Word became flesh (Jesus), and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-18**

*1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him <sup>10</sup>not even one thing came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was <sup>11</sup>the Light of mankind. 5 And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not grasp it.*

#### ***The Witness John the Baptist***

*6 A man came, one sent from God, and his name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light.*

*9 <sup>10</sup>This was the true Light that, coming into the world, enlightens every person. 10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, and yet the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own people did not accept Him. 12 **But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name, 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a man, but of God.***

#### ***The Word Made Flesh***

*14 **And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.** 15 John testified about Him and called out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who is coming after me has proved to be my superior, because He existed before me.’” For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. 17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has seen God at any time; God the only Son, who is in the arms of the Father, He has explained Him.*

**APPLICATION/MESSAGE** One of the beautiful truths of the Bible is how Jesus allows us to be part of God's family when we ask God to forgive us and to come into our hearts. We are adopted as children of the most holy Heavenly king, which is reason to rejoice and be glad! Regardless of blood relations or appearances, we can know we can be forgiven and through the Grace of God, become brothers and sisters in Jesus.

Adoption is special because once you are in someone's family, you get to keep that mommy and daddy forever, no matter how you started off. Some families might look a little different on the outside, and may not even share the same color of skin. But the parents choose to take young kids as their own and they take care of them.

Did you know that this is what GOD does for us? When He sent Jesus, He made it so we can be part of His family. **God chose to take us as His beloved children. When we are forgiven, Jesus' grace and love make it so that we can be adopted as God's kids!** This means a lot of neat blessings come along with that adoption. For one thing, we know that we will live with God in Heaven one day. We also know He promises us His kingdom. Another spectacular bonus is that, if we are all sons and daughters of God, that makes us all brothers and sisters in Christ! It's like we have one big family of believers. All we have to do is accept His love and adoption, and we can be with Him and other believers in the family of God. That is pretty special! So because we are all in God's family, it's even more essential to love and care for one another. We look different, and we all have different earthly families. But because God chose to adopt us as His children, we are His and we have fellowship with one another. Jesus came to live and die so that we can be HIS brothers and sisters, too! Let's thank God for that, and remember to live in that gratitude, too!

*(Thanks to ministry-to-children.com for wonderful lesson ideas)*

**PRAYERS:** Dear God, Thank you for your son Jesus. Thank you for adopting us into your family. Help us to love one another And remember we are brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for your love. We love you, God! In Jesus's name, Amen!

**SONGS** Family sing-along - "The Family of God" (Gaithers Trio) words and music <https://youtu.be/bj97unXda6c>

Contemporary - Newsboys - "Family of God" words and music at <https://youtu.be/V6kOkIJV-0M>

Younger kids: "The B-i-b-l-e" muppets sing at <https://youtu.be/E2fPTpdW> As

### **CHILDREN AND/OR GROUP ACTIVITIES:**

**Create an ABC Prayer list.** Get a paper and pencil. Fold the paper in half lengthwise, like a hot dog bun. Write the letters in the alphabet down the side and down the center crease. Think of someone whose name begins with each letter who needs God's forgiveness, grace, and love. Write their name down beside the letter that starts their name. Think of how wonderful it would be if they were adopted into God's family! Pray that if they don't already know and accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior, that they will read the Bible and discover what an amazing gift God gave us in His son< Jesus. Invite them to church. Pray it always in Jesus' holy name.

**As family, create an "idea acrostic" from the first letters of GOD'S KIDS that tell about being a kid of God.**

The lines do NOT need to rhyme. Example: **G** - God loves His kids! **O** - Open your heart to Him. **D** - Do you want forgiveness? **S** - Sure! **K** - Keeep reading about God in the Bible. **I** - If you do, you'll soon **D** - Discover why having Jesus **S** - Saves us from sin and gives us eternal life.

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**\*Now make an acrostic from the letters of YOUR name. Tell about what God is to you, or what He has done in your life. You can go to the Bible and read John 3:16-17. (see Ms. Pam)**

**M**any times I have disappointed God by  
**S**inning and not reading the Bible to learn what He wants me to do.

**P**lease, God, forgive me **A**nd **M**ake me who You want me to be.

# NEW TESTAMENT WORDSEARCH

Find the books of New Testament in the wordsearch below. Then, use the left over letters to find the reason that John wrote the Gospel of John. Use the letters from the left to right, starting on the top line and working down.



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Matthew  
 Mark  
 Luke  
 John  
 Acts  
 Romans  
 Corinthians  
 Galatians  
 Ephesians  
 Philippians  
 Colossians  
 Thessalonians  
 Timothy  
 Titus  
 Philemon  
 Hebrew  
 James  
 Peter  
 Jude  
 Revelation

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John 20:31 (ESV)





Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" -Matthew 4:4