



## Connect

Parents, ask your child:

- Have you ever been to a place for the first time and not know anyone? (Example: moved your home to a new place, moved to a new school, went to a party and did not know anyone, first time to join a group, etc). Share about what you felt. (Parents can also share their similar experience.)
- Share about a time when you had to work hard to be accepted to a group (Example: train hard to be accepted to the school varsity team, look or be a certain way so friends will accept you, etc). Were you accepted or not? What did you feel?

It is a bit scary because we are worried people may not like us or accept us. Guess what? Even adults can feel like that sometimes. Somehow, we all seek acceptance from others.

But do you know that Someone already accepted us long before we were even born?

## Read the Word

Let's read Ephesians 1:3-5 and look at what it means to be accepted and loved by God.

*3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. 4 Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. 5 God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.*

The Bible says that even before anything was created, God chose us! Not only that, but He chose us to be without fault in his eyes. Can you imagine that? God knew in advance that we will be sinful yet He still chose us and wants to adopt us to His family. He chose to do the difficult thing of sending Jesus to die on the cross for us, sinful people. It's like God picking the lousy players to be on His team! But God does not see us as lousy players. In fact, He loves us, accepts us and calls us His children.



**Parent to Kid/s:**

**2-6 years old**

- Would you like to be God's son or daughter?

**7-12 years old**

- What does adoption mean for you? How do you feel that God adopted you into His family?

**Kid/s to Parent:**

- Will God accept me even if I have many sins? Why?

Even if we have sinned, God still wants to adopt us. He gives us the choice if we want to be called his children or not. Everyone who accepts Jesus as his Savior is adopted into God's family. Do you want to be adopted too?



Dear God, thank You for loving us and accepting us. We are grateful that You adopted us and call us Your children. Please help us remember this truth especially when we do not feel good about ourselves. We love You too. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Have you ever realized that Jesus was also adopted?

Most of us are familiar with the story of the birth of Jesus. Mary was pregnant before she got married, therefore Joseph was not the father of Jesus. But he adopted Jesus and raised him as his own child.

*Reference:*

*<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/what-does-the-bible-say-about-adoption.html>*