

Unit 5 Lesson 1

Heartprint: **I Find Who I Am In Jesus**

Memory Verse: **John 3:16**

January 3, 2021

Link to video large group: https://youtu.be/4lu6Fkq7S_c

Song: John 3:16 Song (video of song and lyrics): <https://youtu.be/z2c4XkbPtEE>

John 3:16 Song (our video with motions): <https://youtu.be/nKfHG8jqgVI>

Activity: Who's In My Family?

Items Needed:

- Talking stick (or another object to indicate whose turn it is to talk)

Instructions:

Gather children around a table or in a circle on the floor. Go around the circle having each child (who wants to participate) take turns telling the class: (1) their whole name & (2) who is in their family.

Connection Point: Each of us have a family. Jesus has a family too and His dad is God and He is inviting us to be a child of God!

Craft: *I Am A Child Of God Portrait and bookmark*

Items Needed:

- I Am A Child Of God template
- I am a Child of God bookmark template
- Crayons/Markers
- Star Stickers (optional)



Instructions:

Gather the children around the craft table. Distribute *I Am A Child Of God* template and crayons to the children and allow time for them to draw a self portrait. Optional: Decorate frame with stickers. Color the bookmark to use in their Bibles at home.

Connection Point:

In our lesson today we will hear how Jesus offered an invitation into His family. Because I believe in Jesus, God says that I am His child.

Bible Lesson: Jesus Makes Us New

Memory Verse: For God so loved the world he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall never die but have eternal life. John 3:16 <https://youtu.be/p-pjZurFCGU>

This week's story is taken from John 1:12-18:

Did you know when you were born your parents picked your first name? Your last name was given to you by your father. Names are important because they show who you belong to. Raise your hand if you know your whole name. Good job! Did you know that Jesus invites you to become a part of an even bigger family?

Let's open our Bibles to John:

Jesus was born to Mary and Joseph, but we know that Jesus actually came from God. He is God's only son.

Say that with me, "Jesus is God's Son". When I say "Who is Jesus?" you say "Jesus is God's Son!"

It was not an easy thing Jesus did coming to live among us. There were a lot of people who did not believe that He was who He said He was. Who is Jesus? Jesus is God's Son!

Some people did believe Jesus. While Jesus was walking the earth, people saw something amazing. God's glory! Why would Jesus have God's glory? The only way Jesus could have that glory is if He is God's Son.

Who is Jesus? Jesus is God's Son!

Jesus not only knew all about the Law that Moses gave out, He obeyed the Law perfectly. Do you remember the Law?

- Love God.
- No idols.
- Keep the Sabbath.
- No Misusing God's name.
- Obey Parents.
- No Murder.
- No Lying.
- No Adultery.
- No Stealing.
- No Coveting.

That is a lot of rules to obey for your whole life! Guess what... only one person has done it. Who do you think did it? Jesus! How could Jesus do it? Jesus was able to obey because of who his father is. Who is Jesus? Jesus is God's Son!

Jesus came to show us grace and truth. What is grace? Grace is getting something you do not deserve. What would God want to give us that we do not deserve? Even though we are not perfect and we have failed to obey the Law, the invitation is to be a part of His family.

Do you remember who Jesus is? Jesus is God's Son! Jesus came to give us this invitation. The invitation is for us to be God's child, too.

All the rules that were given out by Moses, Jesus kept them perfectly because He knew we couldn't. Because Jesus kept them perfectly and died for us, He can offer us the chance to be children of God. Not everyone will accept this. But the Bible tells us that for those who DO believe, they not only become children of God but they also receive blessing after blessing from God.

The truth that Jesus reveals is that God is good! I want to be a part of this family that has a Father that gives out blessing after blessing! Because I believe in Jesus, God says that I am His child. When God is your Father, you are a new person.

Let's pray:

God you are a good father. Thank you for sending your son to invite us to be your children. Help us live like your children and help us love others like we are your children.

Questions:

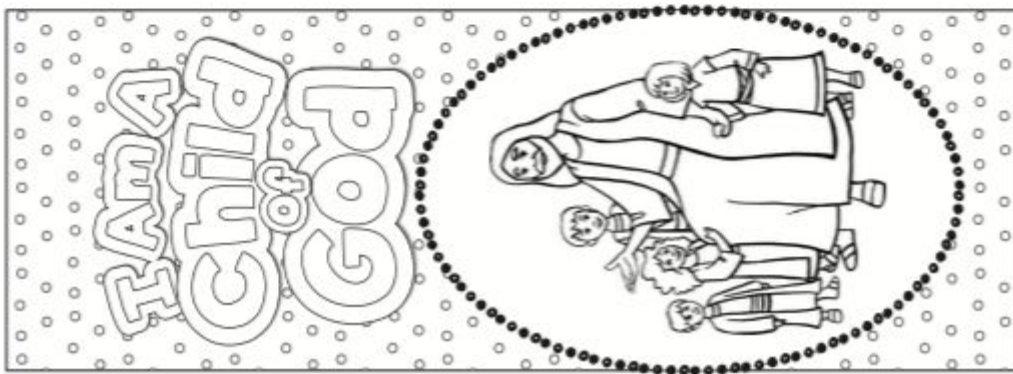
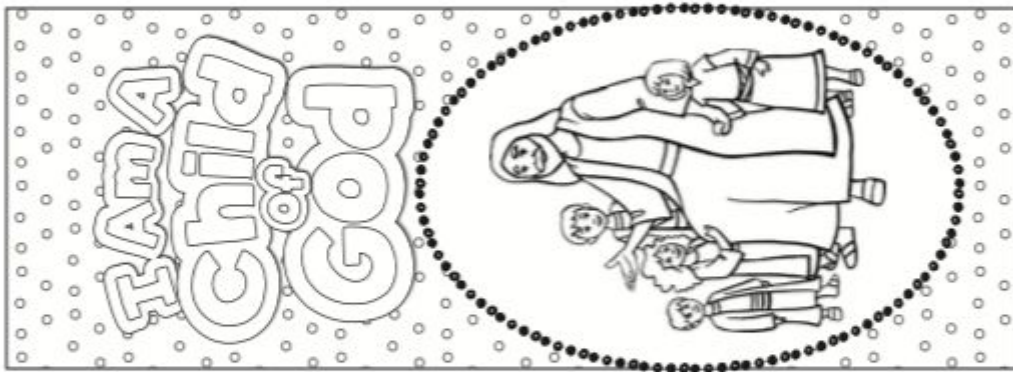
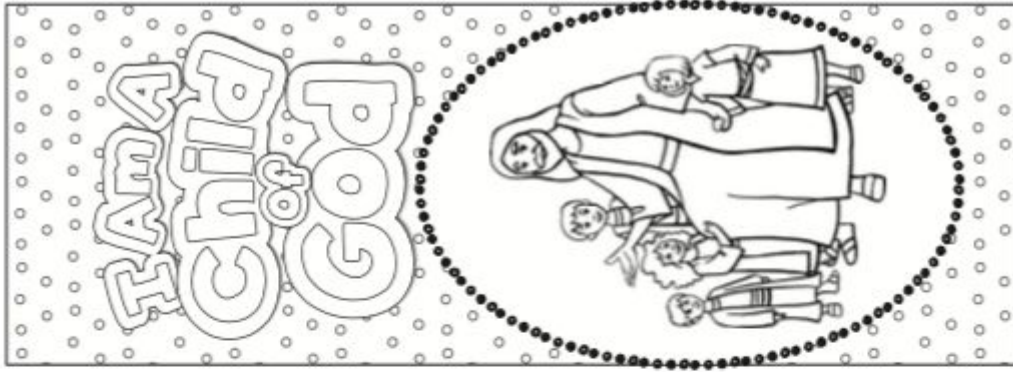
1. Why did Jesus come to earth? (to give us an invitation)
2. What was the invitation that Jesus gave us if we believe in Him? (to become children of God)
3. Did Jesus keep the Law of Moses perfectly? (Yes)
4. Does Jesus want us to be a part of His family? (Yes!)
5. Who is Jesus? (Jesus is God's Son)



I am a child of God



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It is saved on Marlo's computer under downloads.

