

Unit 9 Lesson 2 **Jesus Gives Us the Gift of Being a Child of God**

Heartprint: **Jesus Gives Us Forever Gifts**

Memory Verse: **John 3:3**

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Mother's Day

Large Group video: <https://youtu.be/kotoTBKY5G0>

Song: God Loves You and Me <https://youtu.be/y1yTuODbyxo>

Activity: Who Am I Like?

Instructions: Allow each child to share by asking the following questions (that way if they are adopted they can choose one of the other questions):

1. Is your hair the same color as your mom or dad?
2. Are your eyes the same color as your mom or dad? (or grandparent?)
3. Do you like the same things as your mom or dad? (food, sports, games, favorite color)
4. Do you dislike the same things as your mom or dad? (eg: broccoli, nuts, milk)

Connection Point: We can look more and more like Jesus, God's Son, when we love what God loves and hate what God hates. We can become a child of God when we ask God to forgive us of our sins. Then we become even more like God!

Craft: Mother's Day - You are my sunshine!

Items Needed:

- *Sunshine* template
- Rotini or penne noodles (dry) - 6/7 per child
- Yellow crayons or markers
- Glue



Instructions: Distribute *Sunshine* template and 6-7 rotini noodles to each child. Instruct the children to color the sun before gluing on the noodles

Connection Point: Today we get to celebrate our moms! We are so thankful God gave us our mothers who help us grow in God's truth. You are your mom's child. We can also become a child of God when we ask God to forgive us of our sins. Then we become even more like God...just like our mommies are becoming more like God!

Bible Lesson: Jesus gives us the gift of being a child of God

Memory Verse: Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth. Unless you are born again, you cannot be in God's Kingdom." John 3:3 ICB

This week's story is taken from I John 3:1-10:

Who do you look like in your family? Do you have the same likes or dislikes with someone in your family? I love banana bread with nuts and my mom likes the exact same thing! I do not like shrimp and neither does my son. My daughter has blonde hair and so do I! Who do you think you take after? Think about the answer to this question and at the end of the story you are going to share who you think you look like.

In our story today, we will learn that God's love is lavished on us. Can you say lavished? Lavished means to give someone a lot of something, to pour out way more than needed. If I lavished you with gifts, it would mean I gave you lots and lots and lots of gifts - more than you could want.

That is what God does. He lavishes us with so much love that he calls us His children even though we are not perfect.

Jesus is God's one and only Son. Jesus is perfect. Everything He did was to show people God loves them. God was so proud of His perfect Son. And one day we will be made to be just like Jesus, even though we have sinned. God in his love made a way for us to be perfect just like His perfect son. God wants us to live forever with Him. Only those who are His children will live forever with Him.

What do you think sin is? (allow time for answers) Sin is when we do something that breaks God's law.

You know, if someone breaks the law of this state, they have to worry about the police. If the police see them breaking the law they arrest them and put them in jail. God sees everyone all the time, so He knows when you sin and He can always find us. Instead of throwing us in jail for sinning God lavishes love on us and calls us His child instead of His enemy!

But what if someone loves sinning and they do not want to love God? What if they did bad things every day and they were not sorry for it? When we really love God for making us His child, we want to stop sinning.

Sometimes sin looks fun, like making someone laugh by making fun of someone else. Or taking some candy when we are told no more. There are lots of ways we can do the wrong thing. I still sin, too, but I hate my sin. I ask for forgiveness, and I ask God to grow me more like Jesus so I can be righteous.

What is righteousness? Righteousness is having a right relationship with God. The only way to have a right relationship with God is to believe that Jesus is God's son and to love God's law. We will never love God's law perfectly and Jesus covers our sins as we keep trying to do better.

However if we love sinning then we are not a child of God. We are a child of the enemy. The enemy always tries to tell us that sinning is so much better than God's love, but it is not. Sinning only makes us sad, mad, sick and bitter. But the enemy always tries to trick us saying sinning is fun or God can't see you sin, or God won't care about the sin, but the enemy is a liar. He always lies and tries to get us to do the same thing. When we sin the enemy says we look more like him and we are his child. I say "boo" to the sinning and the enemy! Can you say "BOOO!" (thumbs down)

God wants us to be His child, to look more like Him every day. The only way to do that is to trust Jesus and to love God's law. We have to see sin for what it is and not believe the enemy's lie that sin is fun.

One day we will go to heaven and God will make us perfect just like His Son. We will get to see Jesus exactly as He is. God will look at us and call us His perfect child. I want to be His perfect child! I say, "Yay" for being like Jesus! Say, "Yayyy!" (thumbs up) God gives us eternal life with Him.

For now we ask Jesus to teach us how we can look more like Him every day.

We can do that by:

1. Learning how God wants us to live.
2. Praying for Jesus to help us live the way God wants us to live.
3. Letting God correct us when we fail and ask for forgiveness.
4. Praising God for growing us and lavishing us with His love.

Let's pray:

God, we thank you for lavishing us with your love, for sending your Son to die for our sins. Help us to see sin the way you see sin. Help us see the enemy's lies for what they are. Do not let us be led astray by the enemy's lies. Help us look more and more like Jesus every day. Help us live like your child. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Questions:

1. What does lavish mean? (give in abundance)
2. Does God lavish us with His love? (yes!)
3. Who was God's only Son? (Jesus)
4. Because Jesus died for us and rose again, are we called children of God? (yes!)
5. Do God's children love sin or love God's law? (God's law)

Mom, you are my
sunshine!

