

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How do we become children of God?
- How does being in God's family change how we think and act?
- Can anything separate us from God's love?



Children of God

Romans 8:12-39

MAIN POINT: WHEN WE TRUST IN JESUS, GOD GIVES US THE HOLY SPIRIT AND MAKES US HIS CHILDREN.

Paul wrote a letter to the believers in Rome. He wanted to make sure they believed the right things about Jesus. Paul also wanted believers to remember how they should live.

Paul wrote that when we trust in Jesus, God gives us the Holy Spirit and makes us His children. That changes everything about how we think and what we do.

Paul explained that the Holy Spirit helps believers say no to sin, and He gives us power to live in a way that pleases God. The Holy Spirit makes us God's children! We do not need to be afraid of God; He is like a Father. He loves us! Because we are part of God's family, our future is incredibly bright. One day we will be with Him forever.

Paul wrote that the Holy Spirit helps us when we are weak. He helps us pray when we don't know what words to say. He is changing us to be more like Jesus.

God the Father gave us the greatest gift—Jesus—and we know He will give us everything we need. God loves us, and nothing can separate us from His love. Death cannot separate us from His love. Life cannot separate us from His love. No enemy power can separate us; nothing in all of creation can separate us from the love of God that is in Jesus.

Christ Connection: God is changing believers to be more like Jesus. We are God's children—freed from sin, given power to do what is right, and adopted into God's family. Because Jesus died on the cross, God the Father welcomes us and promises a future with Him forever.

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Adopted ABCs

Add or subtract from the letters to reveal who we are when we trust in Jesus.

A+2 <input type="text"/>	G+1 <input type="text"/>	K-2 <input type="text"/>	P-4 <input type="text"/>	B+2 <input type="text"/>	S-1 <input type="text"/>	C+2 <input type="text"/>	J+4 <input type="text"/>
L+3 <input type="text"/>	E+1 <input type="text"/>	D+3 <input type="text"/>	M+2 <input type="text"/>	E-1 <input type="text"/>			



Part of the Family

Circle the things we enjoy as children of God.

- hope
- adoption into God's family
- separation from God
- power to say no to sin
- fear
- a loving heavenly Father
- the presence of the Holy Spirit
- future glory with Jesus
- power to live in a way that pleases God
- slavery to sin
- anxiety
- forgiveness from sin
- uncertainty
- everything we need
- a bright future with God