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## THE LOVE OF GOD

### VERSE

But Christ died for us while we were still sinners. In this way God shows his great love for us. Romans 5:8 (ICB)

### DEVOTIONAL

When we think about eternity, and how God is going to be our judge for the things that we do, say, and think, it can be a little scary! We'll talk about that more in tomorrow's devotional, but today, it's very important that you know that God loves you so much! Always remember, that even though God is our judge, He is also our loving Father, and He has given us everything we need to be forgiven for all of our sins! The reason that God wants us to live for Him while we are here, and live His way, is because He wants you to be with Him forever and ever in Heaven! All He wants is to be close to you. That's why He doesn't want sin in our lives; sin drags us away from God in our hearts, and that hurts our Heavenly Father's heart very badly. But do you know what makes Him smile? What He loves so much? When you love Him back, and when you decide to live for Him every day! That is a huge deal to God, and the Bible says that He is going to reward those who live for Him with amazing rewards in Heaven! That's a loving Father, and He loves being close to you!

### ACTION STEP

Read Romans 5:1-11, and talk about it with your family! What does it mean to you?

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## THE FEAR OF GOD

### VERSE

"Don't be afraid," Moses answered them, "for God has come in this way to test you, and so that your fear of Him will keep you from sinning!" Exodus 20:20 (NLT)

### DEVOTIONAL

The "fear" of God? What!? I thought yesterday we talked about how God loves us!? I'm sure some questions might be going through your mind about this subject, the fear of God. But let me explain. This is not like being afraid of God, but the fear of God is this: Being terrified of being away from God. When you read the verse at the top, it says that "God has come in this way to test you, and so that your fear of Him will keep you from sinning!". Sin and love do not go together. Jesus says that if you love Him you will obey what He says. When we DON'T do what He says, it's called sin. God knows that sin is from the devil, and that it will pull your heart away from Him, so He makes sure to tell us to stay away from it because it's dangerous to sin! When we talk about eternity, and that one day we will be judged by God, I don't know about you but it makes me nervous. And that is a very good feeling. It's called the fear of God. When we are afraid to be away from God, and when we know that God will judge us, it keeps us away from the dangers of sin. And that is a very loving thing for God to do.

### ACTION STEP

Read Exodus 20:1-23, and talk about it with your family! What does it mean to you?

# DEVOTIONAL

## TAKE JESUS HOME



# FOREVER AND EVER

"So we set our eyes not on what we see but on what we cannot see. What we see will last only a short time, but what we cannot see will last forever."

2 Corinthians 4:18 ICB

# 1 WHAT IS ETERNITY?

## VERSE

God gave us the ability to think about His world, but we can never completely understand everything He does. And yet, He does everything at just the right time. Ecclesiastes 3:11 (ERV)

## DEVOTIONAL

Eternity is a crazy thing to think about. Basically, eternity is a place with no time. It lasts forever and ever! Eternity is where God lives, eternity is where Heaven is, and eternity is where Hell is. In this world we live in now, we have time. Clocks count seconds, minutes, and hours. Calendars count days, months, and years. But in eternity, there is no time, which means there is no end; it lasts forever and ever. I'm sure that at some point you have lost someone in your life... whether it be a pet, a friend, or a family member, and it isn't easy. It feels really sad to lose someone. But that person isn't actually gone! Even though their body has died, their soul is in eternity! In fact, one day, we will all be in eternity. The important thing is that we spend eternity in the right place; Heaven. Because eternity lasts forever, it is the most important thing we could think about every day! We need Jesus to save us in order to get to Heaven, and in order to be saved, we have to give Jesus control of our life. To obey and live every day God's way. I don't know about you, but to me, the best place to be is with Jesus FOREVER!

## ACTION STEP

Talk together with your family about eternity. How does it make you feel that Jesus died for you so you could be with Him forever in Heaven? How can you thank Him?

# 2 ETERNITY MATTERS

## VERSE

Each of us will have to answer to God for what we have done. Romans 14:12 (ICB)

## DEVOTIONAL

Yesterday we talked about what eternity is, and today, we're going to talk about why eternity matters! In fact, it matters more than anything else! Let me give you an example to explain. I love playing board games, and my favorite board game is Pictionary! In the game, you flip the timer, and attempt to draw to the best of your abilities the word on the card that you picked. Once the timer runs out, you put your pencil down, and your team has to guess what you drew! Well life is kind of like Pictionary. When you're born, the timer is flipped, and we only have a certain amount of time on this earth. You do your best to draw the best version of your life that you can. Every day living to make Jesus happy. And when the timer runs out, pencils are down, and God will be the judge of everything we did, said, or thought. We can't go back and start over if we didn't do things God's way, we can't erase something we aren't happy with, and once the timer runs out, we enter eternity. It's so important that we live God's way, and make Jesus the boss, the king, of our life. Without Jesus, even the best cannot enter into Heaven.

## ACTION STEP

Talk together with your family. Are you "drawing" your life for Jesus? What do you think you should change? Why does eternity matter more than anything else?

# 3 THE TEMPORARY TEST

## VERSE

Fire is used to make gold and silver pure, but a person's heart is made pure by the Lord. Proverbs 17:3 (ERV)

## DEVOTIONAL

After yesterday's devotional, we know that eternity matters more than anything else. Remember the Pictionary example? Once the time is over, pencils are down. Well life is also like a test. Have you ever had a test at school? Why do we take tests? It's to see if we learned what we were supposed to learn! I always got really nervous before tests, especially the big ones. But there is no reason to be nervous if you studied hard! Well you may not have known this, but our life is a test and God is our teacher. Once the testing time is over, we will be graded for what we did, both good and bad. The good news is, that not only did God give us the Bible as a textbook for how to live in a way that will please God our teacher, but God also sent His only son Jesus to die for us, so that even if we mess up on our test, Jesus is our eraser! He is ready to forgive us of the bad things we've done if we ask Him, and if we are willing to change. That is really good news! One day when I stand in front of my teacher, God, I want Him to be happy with my test!

## ACTION STEP

Make sure you use the study guide that God gave you (the Bible) every day! If you miss a day, that's okay. Try not to miss two! God's Word is powerful and can change our hearts!



# 4

## FIREPROOF

### VERSE

If the building that a man puts on the foundation of Christ still stands, he will get his reward. 1 Corinthians 3:14 ICB

### DEVOTIONAL

Let's talk about our heart again. Imagine there was a homeless man on the side of the road. And God spoke to Joe in his heart and told him to give to that homeless man. So Joe thinks in his heart, "That's a good idea. I love God, and I love this person even though I don't know him, I want him to know about Jesus!" So Joe gives to the homeless man, and prays for him. What did Joe do? He listened to what God told him to do, and gave to the homeless man. Now WHY did Joe do it? Because he loved God, and he loves people. He wanted this man to know that Jesus loves him. Joe will receive a reward from Jesus for that! We will be rewarded by Jesus for doing what God told us to do, WITH A GOOD HEART (a loving heart). Those things will be fireproof when Jesus tests them with fire. God loves to reward His children when they obey Him with a heart full of love. It's not just about what we do, it's about why we do it. Jesus said that the two most important commands from God is basically, Love God, and Love People. Those two things show us how to receive rewards. If we love God, we obey what He says, and if we love people, we do whatever we do with love in our hearts.

### ACTION STEP

Read Jeremiah 17:10. Talk about it with your family. What does it mean to you? Are we only judged for the things we do?

# 5

## JESUS GIVES REWARDS

### VERSE

Listen! I am coming soon! I will bring rewards with me. I will repay each one for what he has done. Revelation 22:12 ICB

### DEVOTIONAL

We talked about the things that we will be rewarded for, and the things that we will not be rewarded for, but what rewards are we talking about? What is it that Jesus is going to reward us with? Well in the Bible, there are a couple things God says we will have in Heaven. Jesus talks about how when we are in Heaven, we will be rulers with Him! God is the King of the Universe, and the overall ruler of Heaven, but He wants us to work with Him side by side! Maybe we will talk about that more next week, but the main reward is even better. God says that HE IS our exceedingly great reward! There is no better reward than to be close to Jesus, I promise. And I believe that in Heaven, some people will be closer to Jesus, or have more time with Jesus, than others. That really makes me want to do my best here on earth to love God and love people every day! I want to be as close to Jesus as I can! On earth, that would make me really jealous and upset. But in Heaven, we will all love each other, and even though some will have more rewards than others, we will be happy for them, and everyone in Heaven will be perfectly happy! Although we don't know exactly what Heaven will be like, we do know that it will be better than we could ever dream of or imagine, because God is there.

### ACTION STEP

Read 2 Corinthians 5:9-10. What does this mean to you? How can we live to make God happy?

# DEVOTIONAL

## TAKE JESUS HOME



# FOREVER AND EVER

## PART TWO

"So we set our eyes not on what we see but on what we cannot see. What we see will last only a short time, but what we cannot see will last forever."

2 Corinthians 4:18 ICB

# 1 WILL GOD JUDGE ME?

## VERSE

So why do you judge your brother in Christ? And why do you think that you are better than he is? We will all stand before God, and he will judge us all. Romans 14:10 ICB

## DEVOTIONAL

The word “judge” is a word that many people see as a negative, or scary word! What does it mean that God will judge me? Let’s take a look at what it means for us! The word “judgement” in the Bible, basically means “to call to give an explanation”. So when the Bible says that we will be judged by God, it means that one day, we will have to explain to Jesus what we did while we were on earth, and why we did those things. Many people don’t know that God judges us so that He can reward us! Although we may not receive a reward for everything we do, God is excited to reward us! We will talk more about how to earn Jesus’ rewards on day 4. The important thing to remember, is that God is good, and He is just. That means that He does what is right. Even though it can be a little scary to think about God judging us for our actions, the Bible says that we can be confident about it! We don’t have to be afraid! 2 Corinthians 5:9 says this: “Our only goal is to please God. We want to please him whether we live here or there.” (When we stand in front of Him.) If we live our life here on earth to make Jesus happy, we are going to make Him happy when we are judged by Him!

## ACTION STEP

Talk together with your family. What does it mean to be “judged”? How does it make you feel? Are you living to make Jesus happy now?

# 2 WHAT WILL I BE JUDGED FOR?

## VERSE

For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. Each one will receive what he should get—good or bad—for the things he did when he lived in the earthly body. 2 Corinthians 5:10 ICB

## DEVOTIONAL

Yesterday we talked about how we will all be judged by God. And that means that we will have to explain to Jesus what we did during our life, and why we did it. Well the Bible verse that is above, says that we will be judged by “the things we did when we lived in our earthly body”. Did you know that God sees everything that we do? And not only that, but everything we think, and feel? God sees everything. We are kind of like a book. Have you ever heard the phrase, “don’t judge a book by its cover”? Well we have a cover like a book does. Our cover is the part of us that everyone sees. But books also have pages inbetween, with many letters, words, and punctuation marks! Those things represent the things that people cannot see. The things that go on in our heart. But when we are being judged by Jesus, He isn’t going to judge us by our cover, or how people saw us, but He knows every word and every page that nobody else sees. He has read every page of our heart, and He will judge us not only for what we did, but for the reason we did it! We will talk more about that tomorrow. But remember, God sees us!

## ACTION STEP

Talk together with your family. What is God going to look at when we are judged by Him? Is there anything in your heart that you think makes God sad when He sees it? How can you change?

# 3 FLAMMABLE

## VERSE

But if his building is burned up, he will suffer loss. The man will be saved, but it will be as if he escaped from a fire. 1 Corinthians 3:15 ICB

## DEVOTIONAL

This Bible verse is talking about what is going to happen on the day we are judged by God. The Bible says that on that day, all of the things that we did for God and for people during our life on earth is going to be piled up, and set on fire. WHAT? Yes. Jesus is going to test the things we did to see if we did it with a loving heart, or a selfish heart, and He will test it by fire! Have you ever seen fire? What do you use to start a fire? Basically, flammable things. Would you ever try to start a fire with a piece of metal? No! Some things catch on fire, and some things do not catch on fire. It’s either flammable, or fireproof. Well when Jesus tests our works by fire, some of the things we did in our life will be flammable, and some will be fireproof. We will talk about what is fireproof tomorrow, but the things that will be destroyed by the fire, will be the things we did, not with a good heart of love, but with a selfish heart. Even if we do what God told us to do, we won’t be rewarded for it unless we do it with a good, pure, and loving heart! If we do what God says on the outside, but in our hearts we do it so other people will see us, to get people to like us, or to get something out of it for ourselves, that thing we did will be destroyed by the fire, and we will lose the reward! Let’s do everything with love in our hearts for God, and for people!

## ACTION STEP

Talk together with your family. What will we be rewarded for by God? What won’t be rewarded?

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## WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE PART TWO

### VERSE

I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them."

Revelation 21:3 NLT

### DEVOTIONAL

Yesterday we talked about how God is going to wipe every tear away from our eyes, and we will say goodbye to fear and pain forever! I love thinking about what that will be like. There are so many amazing things about Heaven that we could talk about, and maybe we will another week, but we can't talk about Heaven without talking about GOD! Remember, Heaven is God's house, and He invites all of His family to have a house to live in when we get there! The best part about Heaven is that we will finally get to live with God! In the Garden of Eden (Eden means "pleasure" by the way! It's going to be amazing, not boring, in Heaven!) God walked with Adam and Eve hand in hand. In this life, we talk to God through prayer but not face to face. In Heaven, we will SEE HIS FACE! Wow! The Bible says that nobody has ever seen God's face other than Jesus, but when we get there, to our Heavenly Father's house, His face will not be hidden anymore! It'll be like talking to another person! I can't wait to see my God. I can't wait to see Jesus face to face! No more distance at all! And it all lasts forever and ever and ever!

### ACTION STEP

Talk together with your family. What do you think about Heaven so far? Does it seem like a place you want to go to? What is Heaven like?

# 5

## LOOKING FORWARD

### VERSE

But God made a promise to us. And we are waiting for what he promised—a new heaven and a new earth where goodness lives.

2 Peter 3:13 ICB

### DEVOTIONAL

The bible says that once Jesus comes back and all things are finished on this earth, God is going to create a NEW heaven, and a NEW earth. Why? I believe it's because God wants to move in with us! He wants to live with us here on the new earth. God is going to bring the new Heaven down to the new earth. The new heaven is a city that God created called "The New Jerusalem" which is where all of God's children will live with Him! The city is going to be so beautiful, that even the streets are made of pure gold! The Bible talks about a crystal clear river that will flow from the throne of God throughout the whole city. The gates of the city are carved out of a GIANT pearl! There will be not night and no sun, because God's glory will be the light to the city! Remember, you won't need to sleep there! You'll never be tired! The new earth that this amazing city will be in, will be completely new! No disasters, no death! Animals won't be dangerous anymore! We will get to explore and rule this new earth with Jesus! Trust me, THAT will never get boring!! This is what we get to look forward to! A perfect place, made by God's hands, for us to enjoy with Him forever and ever. There are many things we still don't know about Heaven, but we do know that it is going to be AMAZING.

### ACTION STEP

Talk together with your family. What do you think about the new heaven and new earth? What do you think you'll do when you get there?

# DEVOTIONAL

## TAKE JESUS HOME



# FOREVER AND EVER

## PART THREE

"So we set our eyes not on what we see but on what we cannot see. What we see will last only a short time, but what we cannot see will last forever."

2 Corinthians 4:18 ICB



# 1 IS HEAVEN REAL?

## VERSE

There are many rooms in my Father's house. I would not tell you this if it were not true. I am going there to prepare a place for you.  
John 14:2 ICB

## DEVOTIONAL

When we talk about eternity, a place where there is no time, it's kind of hard to imagine a place like that right? People think that in Heaven we will just be floating around with harps on clouds all day every day forever and ever! I don't know about you, but that sounds kind of boring! I used to be afraid to go to Heaven because I thought it would be boring forever! But I promise, it's NOT going to be boring at all. We are going to have so much to do in Heaven, and none of it is going to feel like "work". The word 'Heaven' actually means 'paradise'; basically the best place you could ever imagine or dream of, and yes. IT'S REAL. In our Bible verse for today, Jesus is telling His friends that He is going to prepare a place for you and for me! He says that His Father's house, (God's house is Heaven) has many homes for us to live in! If Heaven wasn't real, or if Heaven was just floating around forever, Jesus would not have told us that He is building homes for us to live in! Try to imagine for a minute what that might be like, that sounds so amazing! Heaven is so real, the Bible says that we will have bodies in Heaven too! But we'll talk about that more tomorrow!

## ACTION STEP

Talk together with your family. What do you think about Heaven so far? What does the word "Heaven" mean? Is Heaven going to be boring?

# 2 WILL I BE AN ANGEL WHEN I'M IN HEAVEN?

## VERSE

You know that in the future we will judge angels. So surely we can judge things in this life.  
1 Corinthians 6:3 ICB

## DEVOTIONAL

Let's talk about what we are going to be like in Heaven. You may have heard people saying about a loved person who has passed away, that "God has gained another angel in Heaven." but we don't turn into angels when we get to Heaven! We see in God's Word that we are going to have bodies in Heaven, but not like the bodies we have here on earth. These new bodies are the same kind of body that JESUS got when He rose from the dead. Jesus could still eat food and drink in His new body! (Yes, there will be food in Heaven!) Jesus could actually travel instantly in His new body too! That means that Jesus could walk, run, jump, dance, and skip, but He could also instantly travel from one place to another without walking or running there! (Read about this story in John 20:19-20) That's pretty crazy right? These new glorified bodies that we will have in Heaven will not have sickness, pain, death, or even tiredness! Just like our body here on earth, we can experience things with our 5 senses. Well in Heaven we will still have our 5 senses! We'll be able to see, feel, taste, hear, and smell when we get to Heaven!

## ACTION STEP

Talk together with your family. What do you think about these glorified bodies the Bible talks about? If the Bible says we will judge the angels, will we be angels or will we have special bodies?

# 3 WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE?

## VERSE

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."  
Revelation 21:4 NLT

## DEVOTIONAL

Read the Bible verse for today a couple times... Imagine that... a place where there is no more death! No more sadness! No more pain! No more being sick! What this Bible verse says is a very powerful thing! Look at that first line; "He (God) will wipe every tear from their eyes..." This is talking about you and me! In this life on earth, there are some really terrible, sad things that happen. I'm sure you have cried because of something that happened to you or someone you love. Even just thinking about those things bring back sadness to our hearts. Have you ever felt like you had a broken heart? Because of something bad someone did to you, or something that happened to you, you feel hurt in your heart. I know it hurts, and I've felt it too. But when God says He is going to wipe every tear from our eyes, it means that all of those hurts, and the broken heart that you sometimes feel, God is going to heal it up with His love! God loves you so much! Imagine walking up to God and having Him wrap His arms around you and hug you tightly, like a good father hugs his kids. We might cry when that happens because of all the hurt that we went through on earth, but God is going to wipe those tears away for the last time, and you'll never be hurt again. How amazing is God's love for us!

## ACTION STEP

Talk together with your family. Do you have hurt in your heart? What caused it? How does it make you feel knowing God loves you?



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## JUDGEMENT DAY

### VERSE

"Nothing unclean will ever enter the city. No one who does shameful things or tells lies will ever enter the city. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life will enter the city." Revelation 21:27 ERV

### DEVOTIONAL

When you read that Bible verse for today, it talks about two things that we're going to look at today. Number one, it talks about a "city". If you remember from last week, we talked about how the "new heaven" is going to be a city build by God for us to live in with Him forever and ever! Number two, it talks about a "lamb's book of life". The Lamb is a term for Jesus, and the book of life is where He writes down the names of every single person who believes in Him! The name of every child of God in the world is written in that book! When the day comes where God will judge people, if the person's name is not in the book of life, they won't be able to go to Heaven. That is a really really sad thought isn't it? But all those who's names are written down in that book will go to Heaven and be with God for eternity. The great thing about this book of life, is that Jesus is writing with PENCIL. What do I mean by that? Well the Bible says that He can add names, and that He can erase names from the book of life too. People who once followed Him but stopped, will have their name erased. Now I don't know about you, but I want to make sure that the names of all my friends, family, and even strangers, are written in the book of life, so they can enjoy Heaven too.

### ACTION STEP

Take a piece of paper, and write down the names of some people who don't follow Jesus, and pray for them every day! You can help them find Jesus!

# 5

## THE ONLY WAY

### VERSE

"Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to the Father is through me." John 14:6 ERV

### DEVOTIONAL

Remember, the BEST part about heaven is that GOD will be there. Not only will He be there, but we will get to see Him face to face! Our amazing Heavenly Father will be there ready to have fun and enjoy heaven with us forever! But the only way to get to the Father, the only way to become a child of God, is through JESUS. When He died on the cross, and was raised from the dead three days later, He gave us the chance to be forgiven and clean from the inside out! That means the only way to be forgiven, and the only way to get to heave, and MOST importantly the only way to get to the Father, is through Jesus. It's like Jesus is a funnel. Have you ever used a funnel before? You can pour things into the funnel that's wide at the top, and narrow at the bottom, and when you pour into it, it will carry everything into the bowl that's under it. Well our job is to pour as many people into the funnel as we can! The funnel is the only way to the bowl, and Jesus is the only way to the Father! So when we're at school, work, the store, or at home, we should live like Jesus did, and show people that He loves them and died for them! We are supposed to live in a way that shows the world what Jesus is like! Jesus does all the hard work Himself, but we can bring people to Him! I can't save people from their sins, but Jesus can! I can't get someone into heaven, but I can bring them to Jesus!

### ACTION STEP

What are some ways that you can live like Jesus? What are some ways that you aren't living like Jesus? Pray and ask God to help you live like Him!

# DEVOTIONAL

## TAKE JESUS HOME



# FOREVER AND EVER

## PART FOUR

"So we set our eyes not on what we see but on what we cannot see. What we see will last only a short time, but what we cannot see will last forever."

2 Corinthians 4:18 ICB

# 1 WILL MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY BE IN HEAVEN?

## VERSE

"Everyone who trusts in the Lord will be saved."  
Romans 10:13 ERV

## DEVOTIONAL

Last week we talked a lot about what Heaven is going to be like! Heaven is going to be the most amazing place ever! Not only is there no death, sadness, disease, or pain, but JESUS will be there and we will see God face to face! That sounds pretty wonderful doesn't it? There's only one thing that will make it even more joyful for you, and that will be to enjoy the beauty of Heaven with all your friends and family! God wants a HUGE family. The Bible says that God wants every single person to be saved and accept Jesus so they can be with Him in Heaven forever and ever. God has done the most important part... He sent His son Jesus to die on the cross so that we could be forgiven and enter into Heaven with Him for eternity. But did you know that YOU play a part in all this? It's true! Did you know that YOU can change how someone spends eternity?

Remember that eternity is a place with no time, so once we get there, we can't change anything about the way we lived on earth, and we can't change where we spend eternity. But HERE on earth we can change not only where WE spend eternity, but where all your family and friends spend eternity! The only way to do that is to share the love of Jesus with everyone you know, so that God can have a HUGE family with Him in Heaven one day!

## ACTION STEP

Who do you want to see in Heaven?  
How can you make sure others know Jesus?

# 2 GOD'S FAMILY

## VERSE

"...Now you are citizens together with God's holy people. You belong to God's family."  
Ephesians 2:19 ICB

## DEVOTIONAL

All throughout the Bible from beginning to end, God has had one goal. That goal is to one day live with His people again like He did in the garden of Eden. Since sin got in the way, He sent His son to destroy the power of sin, and to show us how much He loves us! But most of all, He did it so that you could call Him FATHER! Only those who accept Jesus and live for Him become children of God, and God becomes their Father. That is so amazing. Now I don't know what your family is like, but when I was young my dad wasn't around. He left when I was 7 years old and I have not seen him since then. I now have an amazing step-dad (that I call dad) who loves me very much and did so much for me as a child, and still does to this day. I know what it's like to have a distant father, and I know what it's like to have a father who's close. I also know that I have a Father in heaven! No matter what kind of father, or what kind of family you have, God is the BEST Father, and now we are all family because of Jesus! Even random strangers named Bungaloomba who believe in Jesus and live for Him on the other side of the world are your FAMILY! Not only is God our Father, but all Christians are our brothers and sisters! And we are all going to live in peace and love together with our Father in heaven one day!

## ACTION STEP

Who else can YOU bring into the family by telling them about what Jesus has done for them? God wants EVERYONE to be in the family!

# 3 I'M THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!

## VERSE

"In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do. Live so that they will praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

## DEVOTIONAL

When Jesus was on this earth, He talked to His friends about how while He was here, He was the light of the world. But now the Bible says that WE are the light of the world because Jesus lives within our hearts! What does the Bible mean when it says "you should be a light for other people"? Well when the Bible talks about light and darkness, it's talking about all things good, and all things evil. I'm sure you know that there are some people in the world who don't believe in Jesus. Or maybe they do believe in Him but they won't live for Him. Well the Bible says that without Jesus, we are "Children of the Darkness", but after Jesus saves us, we become "Children of the Light"! When you flip a light switch in your room, what happens to the darkness? It goes away and it's replaced by light! Well when the Bible says that we are supposed to be a light to others, it means that we are supposed to share Jesus with the world! If my friend isn't a follower of Jesus, we can bring light to them by LOVING him/her! And the best way to show real love is to show someone that you care about where and how they spend eternity! It never ends, so we want to make sure we share the love and grace and TRUTH of Jesus to as many people as we can so that they can be with us and be with Jesus one day in heaven! You are a light, and God wants to use YOU to show love, kindness, grace, and most importantly, JESUS, to the world.

## ACTION STEP

Every day, you can be a light for God! What are 5 ways you can be a light to someone today?