



### **BIG IDEA**

God loves us so much he wants us to be his children.

### **GOD STORY**

Adoption (Ephesians 1:3–6)

### **KEY VERSE**

We have been set free because of what Christ has done. Because he bled and died our sins have been forgiven. (Ephesians 1:7a, NIRV)

## **1 | Conversation Starter**

### **SUPPLIES**

- None

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- To lead into today's teaching, discuss:
  - How might someone know that you are your parents' child? For example, do you act or do something like one of your parents, or do you look like them?
  - Is there anyone who you love so much you wish they were part of your family?
  - How would someone at school (or the mall, a soccer game, a concert, etc.) know that you're a child of God?
- Introduce the Big Idea: **God loves us so much he wants us to be his children!**

## **2 | Watch**

### **SUPPLIES**

- Media player

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

## **3 | Discuss & Pray**

### **SUPPLIES**

- None

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Review and discuss the video teaching:
  - What's the Key Verse for the Family series? (Ephesians 1:7a)
  - What stood out to you in today's Life Story? How about the God Story?
  - What's the Big Idea? (**God loves us so much he wants us to be his children.**) How does it connect with today's stories?
- Pray, "Dear God, thank you for loving us so much that you want us to be your kids! Help us to love your family the way you love us. In Jesus' name, amen."



## 4 | Activity

### SUPPLIES

- Contact-paper heart
- Wall-safe tape
- Bible
- Pom-poms

### BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Hang the contact-paper heart on a wall. Remove the liner to reveal the sticky layer.

### INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Look up Ephesians 1:3–6 and read it aloud. Emphasize adoption in verse 5.
- b. Highlight that **God loves us so much he wants us to be his children!**
- c. Take turns tossing a pom-pom towards the sticky heart. (You should take a turn, too!) Read the question that corresponds to the colour where the pom-pom lands:
  - Red: What's one thing you know about God?
  - Orange: What's something that God loves about you?
  - Yellow: God wants us to be part of his family! How should we treat our family members?
  - Green: God chose to adopt us. How does that make you feel?
  - Purple: People often look or act like their parents. When do we look or act like God our Father in Heaven?
- d. Keep playing as long as the kids are interested.

## 5 | Key Verse

### SUPPLIES

- Key Verse colouring page
- Colouring supplies

### INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Give each of your kids a coloring page and some colouring supplies.
- b. Read aloud the Key Verse for the Family series, then repeat it together.
- c. Encourage the kids to colour their pages.
- d. Display them as a reminder to learn the verse this month.