

LIVING IN LIBERTY - PART 2

*****Main Points (these points can be taught/discussed over different days.)**

***POINT #1 - CHILDREN OF GOD, THROUGH FAITH**

(READ Galatians 3:26-29 NLT): *“For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God’s promise to Abraham belongs to you.”*

This scripture says that we are ALL God’s children. Kids, parents, grandparents. People all over the world, in different towns, states, countries and nations. We have so many brothers and sisters in our family of God that live all over the world. We have brothers and sisters in different countries that look and talk much differently than we do. We are ALL His. Those that are newborn, 5 years old, 30 years old, 60 years old and 100 years old. We are ALL His children. God sees us the same. He loves us all the same, as His children. He wants the very best for ALL of us.

How is it that we can all be His children but we don’t come from the same family here on earth? (Allow your child to answer). Galatians 3:26 tells us that we are all God’s children *through faith*. When we ask Jesus to be our friend, our Lord, our Savior and ask Him to come live in our heart, we then become a child of God. This also means that we are brothers and sisters with other people all over the world who have prayed the same prayer. We say this prayer through faith in Jesus. We BELIEVE in Him and who He says He is. We believe He is God’s son, that he died for our sins, rose from the dead, and is now in Heaven with God the Father.

When we pray this prayer we then become united with Christ. What does the word UNITED mean? (Allow your child to answer: made one, joined together) The scripture also says that it is like putting on new clothes. We become united with Him, we put Him on like clothes. When we put our clothes on in the morning, our clothes become part of us. We are wrapped in them. It’s the same with Jesus, He becomes a part of us, He lives inside of us and is with us always. Because Jesus is God’s child, we too become His child when we are UNITED with Jesus. We become children of God’s big, big family!

***Discussion Questions**

- 1) Do you ever think about your parents and grandparents being God’s children, just like you are?
- 2) Do you know that makes you brothers and sisters? What do you think about that?
- 3) Do you feel that you are UNITED with Jesus? Why or why not? If not, how do you think you can become UNITED with Jesus? *(Be ready to lead your child in prayer to receive Jesus in their heart.)*
 - a) <https://theroads.church/wp-content/uploads/Roads-Kidz-Fresh-Start-.pdf>

****Prayer: Jesus, we are so thankful that we get to be a part of your big, big family! Father God, we love you so much and we are very thankful that You call us Your children. That you love us all the same. That you see us all the same, as Your child. We are thankful for other believers throughout the entire world and that we get to be brothers and sisters with them in Your Kingdom. Holy Spirit, help us to remember that we are UNITED with Jesus. That we are clothed with Him. Help us to see other believers as You see them, no matter their age, what they look like, talk like, or where they live. Help us to feel Your heart for the family of God. We pray all of these things, in Jesus’s name. Amen.***

***Scripture Memory Verse:** *“For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 3:26 (NLT)*

*Application/Activity

- Coloring page: <https://ldslessonideas.files.wordpress.com/2011/06/friendlp-nfo-o-52e.jpg>
- Booklet: <https://nurserynanny.weebly.com/uploads/2/4/2/1/24211736/child-of-god-booklet-tlm.pdf>
- Crown craft:
https://nurserynanny.weebly.com/uploads/2/4/2/1/24211736/i_am_a_child_of_god_crown_mcb.jpg

*Worship Song

"I Am Who You Say I Am"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcC1Bp13n_4

POINT #2 - LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF

(READ Galatians 5:13-15 ERV): *"My brothers and sisters, God chose you to be free. But don't use your freedom as an excuse to do what pleases your sinful selves. Instead, serve each other with love. The whole law is made complete in this one command: "Love your neighbor the same as you love yourself." If you continue hurting each other and tearing each other apart, be careful, or you will completely destroy each other."*

We read in Galatians chapter 3, verses 28 that we are all united and one in Jesus Christ. He sees us all the same, as His children. The scripture says, *There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.*" Back when this was written there were Jews and Gentiles. ASK: Do you know the difference between Jews and Gentiles? (Allow your child to answer: Gentiles were usually any people that were not Jews.) Jews and Gentiles were 2 different people groups. We can think of this today as groups of people with different skin color, or groups of people that live on different continents. There are also people who have lots of money and people who are very poor and have no money. And, there are boys and girls, or male and female. All of us are very different from one another, would you agree? (Allow your child to answer) But, God loves us all the same, because we are ALL His children.

Because we are ALL His children and He loves us the same, we should also love each other the same just as He does. Jesus wants us to use our liberty, our freedom that we have Him, to serve and love each other. Galatians 5 tells us to, "Love your neighbor the same as you love yourself." Jesus wants us to love each other and treat each other and take care of each other, just as we love, treat and take care of ourselves. He wants us to encourage each other, to build each other up. What does it mean to ENCOURAGE someone? (Allow your child to answer: to support them, say good and nice things to them, help them be confident, brave and have courage) This is how Jesus wants us to love one another.

If we treat others differently because they are different from us... maybe because they have a different color of skin, or if they have more or less money and/or things than we do, or if they are a boy or a girl and we are not...if we do that, is that loving our neighbor as we love ourself? (Allow your child to answer: no, it is not.) Jesus never treated anyone differently because of the way they looked, how old they were, how rich or poor they were, the color of their skin, or if boy or girl. We are ALL created by God and for God. We are ALL His children.

*Discussion Questions

- 1) Have you ever felt like you were treated differently than someone else? Explain.
- 2) How do you feel about people that look different than you, that have a different color of skin?
- 3) How do you feel about people that have more than you? Less than you?

- 4) How do you feel about boys/girls that are different from you?
- 5) Have you ever treated someone else differently? Why? Maybe because they looked or acted differently than you?
- 6) How can we love others as we love ourselves? What are some examples?

****Prayer: God, we are so thankful that you love ALL your children. We are so thankful that we get to call you our Daddy. Thank you for creating us equally and loving us equally, too. Holy Spirit we ask you to help us to see each other and others the way that you do. Help us to love everyone equally, just like you do, Jesus. Show us how to do that. Help us to get better and better at that every day. Help us to not treat others differently just because they look different than we do, have more or less things than we do. Help us to love our neighbor just as we love ourself. We pray all of these things in your name, Jesus. Amen.***

****Scripture Memory Verse: The whole law is made complete in this one command: "Love your neighbor the same as you love yourself." Galatians 3:14 (ERV)***

***Application/Activity**

- Coloring page (have your child draw and color a picture of them loving their neighbor)
<https://ministry-to-children.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/love-your-neighbor.pdf>
- Worksheet: <https://ministry-to-children.com/love-your-neighbor-sunday-school-lesson/>
- *Instructions to worksheet: <https://ministry-to-children.com/love-your-neighbor-sunday-school-lesson/>

***Worship Song**

"Reckless Love"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0LenNxT27r0&feature=youtu.be>