LET'S TAKE A
#SELFIE

WHO DO YOU SEE?
This four week series is all about God! In this “Selfie” generation we live in, everything has become about us and our likes and desires. We get told to live for ourselves and to do whatever makes us happy. Through this series our hope is that kids will understand that the story is not about us - it never has been and it never will be. Our role in the story is to reflect God in every way possible! The only thing that should be seen in our “selfie” is Jesus because we should be living our lives in such a way as to reflect Him and make Him the centre of attention.

**WEEK 1** looks at the concept of being MADE IN HIS IMAGE. We will first look at the trinity to understand a bit more about who God is and then look at how that impacts us as His children. Are we being the best image bearers of Christ?

**WEEK 2** reminds us that GOD LOVED US FIRST. Before we could do anything to earn His love, He loved us. There’s nothing we can do to earn His love and nothing we can do that will ever stop Him loving us!

**WEEK 3** is about our new identity in Jesus when we become His children. As a Christian our identity is found in whose we are and not who we are. When we give our lives to Jesus our identity becomes that of a child of God. We then get to live out this identity with full confidence knowing who our Father is.

**WEEK 4** concludes with the ultimate understanding of the fact that we’re His kids! It’s not complicated and there is no formula - we just need to accept it! We need to know that we’re royalty and live our lives with that stance in order to be effective in God’s Kingdom.
**Week 1**

**Media Clip**
**Story** Who is God and Who are we?
**Scripture** Matthew 28:19
**Characters** Narrator, a few volunteers

**OBJECT LESSON:**

**EXPLAIN THE TRINITY USING AN APPLE!**

The trinity is a concept we will never quite understand - and that’s ok; if we understood everything about God there would be no mystery and no excitement to one day want to meet Him in heaven!

To help kids understand the purpose and function of the trinity we are going to use an apple to demonstrate!

Explain that the peel is like God the Father, because He protects us. The flesh is like God the Son, because Jesus is God made flesh. The seeds are like the Holy Spirit because He helps us grow.

The trinity is three persons in one but each part has their specific role to play. Even if we can’t comprehend it, we just need to believe it in our hearts and one day when we get to heaven we will be able to see it all in action and hopefully understand it a bit more!
Now that we understand a bit more about who God is, the next question to ask is WHO ARE WE??

Have you ever heard the statement WE’RE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD? What does that mean to you?

**MIRROR OBJECT LESSON:**

- Have a large mirror set up on stage and prep a few leaders beforehand to come dressed up in different outfits that represent who they are at face value. (Have some dressed up as sports players, teachers, dancers, artists, etc. and even some dressed up plainly.)
- One by one have each of them walk up to the mirror and take a good look at themselves.
- Ask them what they see? (They will answer: a rugby player, a school teacher, a dancer, even simpler things like a sister or a brother or a friend, etc.)
- You can even get a few kids up front to look at themselves in the mirror and ask them who they think they are. You will probably get a variety of answers so just roll with it - no answer is wrong.

Once they’ve all had a go, tell them that ultimately there is one thing that we are that tops anything else we might think we are or who other people think we are.

**WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD!**

No matter who we are or what we do - or who people say we are - ultimately we are made in the image of God and are therefore His children. We are made to be like Him and so we need to live our lives striving to be more and more like Jesus every day. That means we need to love like He does, act like he does, speak how he does and treat people how he would.
Media
Story Elizabeth and Zachariah.
Scripture Ephesians 1:5
Characters Narrator (for object lesson), Elizabeth & Zachariah

OBJECT LESSON

- Find objects that could represent the size of a baby throughout pregnancy.
  Here’s some ideas:
  • 4 weeks: Poppy seed
  • 7 weeks: Blueberry
  • 8 weeks: Bean
  • 13 weeks: Lemon
  • 15 weeks: Apple
  • 18 weeks: Sweet potato
  • 21 weeks: As long as a carrot
  • 29 weeks: Butternut
  • 39 weeks: Watermelon

Have all your objects laid out on a table in front of you. Hold up the smallest object and ask if they could imagine themselves ever having been that size? Hold up a few more and ask them if they ever remember being that small - obviously not, no one actually remembers being in their mother’s womb! But even when you were as small as a little pin prick, God knew you and began forming you. He knew what you would be like and he knew what you would be one day. The coolest part is that when no one had even seen you and you were just a tiny little blueberry, God loved you!

There was nothing you could do to make him love you - you were a little thing growing inside your mom with no idea that you were even there and already he loved you! He loved you just because you were you! You didn't have to do anything in your mom’s womb to make him love, He just did - and you know what, nothing has changed! He loves you just because you’re YOU!
We're going to look at a story in the Bible that shows us this:

**READ LUKE 1:5-45**

*(You can have some actors on stage to set the scene and act out the scripture while you read/narrate it)*

Let's set the scene. Remember Mary? She was the one who gave birth to baby Jesus. In our story today, Mary was still pregnant with Jesus.

Now let's turn our attention to a man named Zechariah. He was a priest and was married to a woman named Elizabeth. They both loved the Lord. They were childless as Elizabeth was unable to have children and they were also both very old. One day an angel of the Lord came to Zechariah and said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. With that, Elizabeth fell pregnant!

Okay, back to Mary! One day she went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. She hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!"

**WRAP IT UP**

You see, even in this story we see how the Holy Spirit filled baby John while he was in the womb! God had a plan for him before he was even conceived! That’s crazy! And it’s the same with us - God had a plan for all of us before we were even born and he love us before we could do anything to earn His love.
Narrator: Today we’re going to meet a guy who most of you have met before - but because his story is so radical we thought we had to share it again and remind ourselves of the miraculous event that took place!

Who remembers what Paul was called before he was named Paul? Saul! Yes! What do we know about Saul? (Allow for answers)
He hated Christians! He mocked them, beat them, threw them in prison and even had many killed. He was out to persecute every one of them. He was angry and not someone you wanted to come across.

Narrator: One day, Saul was traveling to the city of Damascus. His plan was to find more Christians! But as he and his friends were making their way along the dusty road, SUDDENLY… from out of heaven, came the brightest light Saul had ever seen. The light surrounded Him. He tried to cover his eyes to shield the light, but it was so bright that it hurt his eyes. He fell down on the ground trying to get away from it.

Saul: What just happened?? Someone help me! (In a panic)

Narrator: At that moment, a loud voice from heaven spoke saying, “SAUL! SAUL! Why do you persecute me?”

Saul: Who are you??

Narrator: The voice said, “I am Jesus”. Saul was very afraid. He was shaking and trembling and could hardly speak.

Saul: Lord, what do you want me to do?
Narrator: Jesus told him to go into the city where someone would meet him and tell him what to do. His friends had no clue what was happening. They didn’t see the light and they didn’t see a person; all they heard was the voice. When Saul got up he was blind and so his friends led him to Damascus. For three whole days he was blind. While all of this was happening, the Christians in the city of Damascus heard that Saul was coming and became quite fearful.

In Damascus was a guy named Ananias. He was a man of God and had heard about Saul. That day, God came to him in a vision telling him to go find Saul. Immediately he jumped up and exclaimed…

Ananias: Lord! Are you crazy!? Do you know what Saul does to Christians?? Do you want me killed or something?

Narrator: Ananias was in quite a state, but God assured him that everything would be fine. Ananias left and found the house where Saul was. While he was there, he prayed for Saul so he could see again. Saul stayed in Damascus and grew close to the other Christians there. It wasn’t long before he was preaching and teaching people about Jesus. Everyone was amazed! They couldn't believe this was the same person that had wanted to kill them. God changed Saul’s name to Paul and Paul had a new identity in Jesus.

OBJECT LESSON:
- Have a few pieces of paper ready with different words written out on them (ugly, lost, sinner, worthless, no friends, useless, not good enough, not talented, not smart, etc.).
- Then have paper with words on that are opposite to those words (Beautiful, found, child of God, worthy, good enough, talented, smart, etc.)
- Get kids to hold up the negative words and explain that before we meet Jesus and become his children we feel lost and lonely but then when we give our lives to Him all of that changes! When we become his child we have purpose and we have a new life - a new identity!
- Cover the negative words with the positive ones as you talk about this new identity.
Week 4

**Media Clip**

**Story** Salvation

**Scripture** Luke 23:32-43

**Characters** Narrator, Volunteers

**Narrator:** Hey everyone! So we’re already on our last week of “Let’s Take a Selfie” curriculum and we thought the best way to end this series off is to look at the ultimate reason that we get to call ourselves children of God. Now we all know the crucifixion story right? Well there are two other guys in the story that we don’t hear about as much and today we’re going to have a look at their part in the story.

Remember Jesus was crucified on top of a hill called Golgotha - also known as skull hill. Do you remember that there were two guys who were crucified alongside him? We don’t know much about these men except that they were criminals. Let’s read the story from the Bible.

**READ LUKE 23:32 FROM YOUR BIBLE**

Let’s take out some crucial points from the story:

- The criminal that cried out to God had lived his ENTIRE life as a criminal.
- In the worlds eyes he would have been seen as worthless because he was a criminal. No one would have seen any hope for him.
- He cries out to Jesus to save him only moments before he dies.

**AND THIS IS JESUS’ RESPONSE TO HIM**

“Today you will be with me in paradise.”

- Jesus doesn’t question him.
- He does point out all the bad things he’s done
- He simply says one line and with that the criminal knew that when he died he would go to be with Jesus in heaven as a child of God.
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO US?

- It doesn’t matter what we’ve done, nothing is too big for Jesus to forgive.
- We need not wait so long like the criminal did to give our lives to Jesus. The sooner we give our hearts to Jesus, the sooner we get to live life full of his blessing and promise!

OBJECT LESSON

ARE WE GOING TO ACCEPT HIM

Jesus calls of us to be his children but it is up to us to accept his invite. We can be like the one criminal that wanted nothing to do with Jesus and mocked him or we can be like the other criminal who realized he was wrong and needed Jesus.

- Prep a few leaders beforehand and have them placed around the stage.
- Give each one something to be busy with (reading a book, playing play-station, playing sport, etc.)
- Have someone acting as Jesus who goes around to each person and invites them to follow him. All of them say no because they’re busy with other things, until one last person says yes and gets up and follows Jesus.

WRAP IT UP:

- Are we going to refuse Jesus’ invite or are we going to get up at once and follow him?
- Maybe you already know Jesus and you are already a child of God? Jesus is still inviting you to spend more time with him.
- Are we too busy doing our own thing to spend time with him and get to know Him more or do we want to spend as much time as we can praying, reading our Bibles and asking Jesus to speak to us?
BIG GROUP GAMES

Week 1 - CHEETO’S TOSS

WHAT YOU NEED:
- Shower caps
- Shaving cream
- Cheetos

INSTRUCTIONS:
- Select a few volunteers and pair them up.
- One partner puts on a shower cap covered in shaving cream and the other partner has to throw Cheetos on top of the shower cap.
- Whichever team catches the most in the given time, WINS!

Week 2 - A BIT DICEY!

WHAT YOU NEED:
- Dice (6 per player)
- Popsicle Stick (1 per player)

INSTRUCTIONS:
- Contestants hold the popsicle stick in their mouths and try get 6 dice stacked on top.
- The first contestant to stack 6 dice, WINS!
**Week 3 - CHARADES**

**WHAT YOU NEED:**
-A Volunteer per group

**INSTRUCTIONS:**
- Divide your group up into 2 (or more if you have a large number of kids)
- Give them each the same thing to act out (You could have them pick something out of a hat that you had written down before the game.)
- They can only use their bodies; no sounds or sound effects for their group to guess what they are acting out.
- You can get creative with different categories such as movies, animals, activities, etc.

**Week 4 - STICKY SITUATION**

**WHAT YOU NEED:**
-Bread with peanut butter on a plate
-Ping Pong balls

**INSTRUCTIONS:**
- Contestants stand across from the bread with peanut butter and try throw a ping pong ball to land on the piece of bread.
- Give each contestant three tries and the one that gets the most, WINS!
**Week 1 - IN HIS IMAGE (Q-I)**

**Memory Verse:** “Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God” John 1:12

**Story:** The Trinity

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:27

**Bottom Line:** God created me in His image

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It should be Jesus!
We were created to reflect Him!

- Colour in the mirror frame.
- Cut some tin foil to stick in the mirror frame. (This is the mirror)
- Then cut out the word Jesus and stick it in the middle of the tin foil.

This is to remind us that we should look like Jesus - the way we act, the way we speak and the way we treat people.
OBJECT LESSON - TAKE A PIC!

- Bring a camera to church if you have one or alternatively use your phone camera.
- Take a picture of someone in your group and show everyone the picture you took.
- Ask the rest of the group if the photo “image” is actually the person? Can the photo speak, think, laugh, etc.? No, of course not. But it does show us a lot about the person and what they are like.
- In a similar way, we are created in the “image of God”. We are not God, but we’re created to be like him and show people what he is like.
- We’re like a picture of God to the world.

HOW CAN WE BE THE BEST PICTURE OF GOD?

- Do we act like Jesus would?
- Do we speak like Jesus would?
- Are we kind to people?
- Do we pray for people?
- Do we love people?
- Do we help people?
- What else can you think of?
- How else can we be like Jesus?

WHAT CAN STOP US FROM BEING THE BEST PICTURE OF JESUS WE CAN BE?

- When we don’t love people how Jesus would.
- When we don’t treat people kindly.
- When we say ugly things about people or tease them.
- What else can stop us looking like Jesus?
- What do you sometimes do that makes your picture look bad?

PRAY

Ask God to help us be the best picture we can be so that when people look at us they see Jesus!
**Week 1 - IN HIS IMAGE (2-3)**

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| BOYS              | White cardboard                                    |
| IDENTITY IN THE CROSS | Craft Paint                                    |
|                   | - Give each child in your group a white piece of  |
|                   | cardboard.                                         |
|                   | - On it, have them use their fingerprints to make  |
|                   | up the shape of a cross.                           |
|                   | (You could do one big cross altogether as a group) |
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- White cardboard
- Craft Paint

Cross Fingerprint Craft
READ 2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

"And all of us have had that veil removed so that we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him and reflect His glory even more."

OBJECT LESSON

- We can use words to describe Jesus, but what makes more of an impact is when we SHOW others who He is. When they see how we act, they will be able to get a much better idea as to what Jesus is like. Basically, we need to mirror Jesus.

Hold the mirror in three different ways while asking them if they can see their reflection.

1. **Hold the mirror facing away from them.**
   - Can you see yourself? No, of course not
   - When we are not looking to God and learning about Him, we won’t be reflecting His image either.

2. **Hold the mirror facing them but covered with a piece of paper.**
   - Can you see yourself in the mirror now?
   - With the paper in the way, we can’t see ourselves. And in the same way, other people won’t see the image of God in us if there is something between us and Him.
   - Is there anything in your life that has got in the way?
   - Maybe you’ve been hurt and so you feel like you can’t talk to Jesus?

3. **Move the mirror all around as they try to look at their image.**
   - It’s quite tricky to get a good look at your image when the mirror is moving all around not so?
   - But if the mirror is held still in front of you, it’s easy to see your face.
   - We need to take time to "be still and know that He is God." We need to spend time with Him every day praying & reading our Bible’s so that we will become more like Him.
   - What are you going to start doing more to make sure you look more like Jesus?
Week 1 - IN HIS IMAGE (4-5)

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Scripture: Genesis 1:27

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- Give each child in your group the cross template.
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**Week 1 - IN HIS IMAGE (6-7)**

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**Story:** The Trinity

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Talk About It

Who here has a best friend that they spend a lot of time with? Do you find you start talking and dressing like each other? The more time you spend with them the more alike you become. You start picking up on each other’s habits and reacting in similar ways to things.

IT’S THE SAME WITH JESUS! The more we spend with him, the more we look like him. “Live in a way that those who know you but don’t know God, will come to know God because they know you.”
-Do you know someone who looks like Christ?
- Someone who introduces you to Him, simply by being who they are?
- Are you that person?

READ GENESIS 1:27 “So God created man in His own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female He created them.”

1. What does it mean to be made in the image of God?
- It means we’ve been given a unique status. We’ve been set apart.
- It means that God has determined how we should live. He has made us to live his way rather than our own way. God created human beings to represent Himself through us on earth.
- We live in a sinful world and so God uses US to restore His image among His fallen image bearers, whom He loves!

2. How can God’s broken image bearers be restored?
- To be human is to reflect God’s glory, to be un-human is to sin against God. Look at a cracked mirror - it doesn’t stop being a mirror, it just becomes a distorted reflection of what it’s supposed to be.
- There are broken people in the world but ONLY Jesus can fix us.

3. Once I choose to live a life reflecting Jesus, what’s next?
- We need to constantly pursue Jesus and want to be more like Him; we will never be a perfect reflection of Him because we’re human so that means we never stop pushing to be more and more like Him.
- We constantly put God’s interests above our own.
- We share the Gospel and live in a way that represents it.
**Week 2 - HE LOVED US FIRST (0-1)**

**Memory Verse:** “Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God” John 1:12

**Story:** Elizabeth & Zacharias

**Scripture:** Ephesians 1:5

**Bottom Line:** God loved me before I was born

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• Beads  
• Red cardboard heart |
| -Punch a hole in the top of your heart.  
-Thread the heart through the twine and tie a small knot.  
-Thread on some beads as seen in the picture and tie your necklace at the top.  
-Make sure your twine is long enough to fit your head through. | |
| **GUYS** HE LOVED US BEFORE HE EVEN MADE THE WORLD | • Paper Plate  
• Blue Paint/colouring materials  
• Green paper  
• White Paper  
• Scissors & glue |
| -Colour/paint the paper plate blue & stick green pieces of paper at random to make the continents.  
-Attach arms & legs by folding the white paper as seen alongside.  
-Draw a smiley face on the world using the googly eyes. This is to remind us that God knew us long before we were even born and he sees all that we do! | |

We love because He loved us first!
HE LOVED US FIRST!

-Who here has ever seen a pregnant woman?
-In fact, who here has seen their own mom pregnant or has a mom who is currently pregnant?
-Have pregnant mom’s ever seen the baby? No.
-Do they know what kind of a child it will be? No.
-Do they know what it will look like? No.
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Think about it…

-Has the baby done anything to make the mom love it? No.
-Do you remember being inside your mother’s womb? Of course not!
-The baby is just loved even though no one has even see him/her yet.

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-So what does this mean? There is nothing we can do to make God love us more or less!
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- Who here has ever seen a pregnant woman?
- In fact, who here has seen their own mom pregnant or has a mom who is currently pregnant?
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- He placed value on us before we were even born.
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Activity

- Colour in the picture.
- Then cut out a heart and stick it onto the heart in the picture.
- Write the word “JESUS” on the heart.

This reminds us that Jesus lives in our hearts. When we ask him to be our Lord and Saviour, he sends His Holy Spirit to live in us so we will never be alone.

Items Required

- Colouring in picture
- Pink/Red heart template
- Colouring materials

When Jesus comes to live in my heart I become a brand new person!
NEW IDENTITY IN JESUS!
IDENTITY = WHO WE ARE!

OBJECT LESSON

Supplies:
- Swim Goggles
- Black Paper
- Scissors & tape

Instructions:
- Cut the black paper and stick it inside the goggles with tape. Give each child a chance to put them on and see what it feels like not being able to see.

DISCUSS:
- How does it feel not to be able to see anything?
- What do you think would happen if I made you run around the room with the goggles on and you couldn't see anything? (You'd probably get hurt and you wouldn't have a clue where you were going)

LET'S TAKE IT BACK TO OUR STORY...
- Who did we learn about today? Paul
- What was his name before it was Paul? Saul
- What did Paul do to Christians before he became a Christian himself? He would kill Christians and torture them.
- Before Paul met Jesus his heart was blind. That's why he hurt people and didn't know where he was going - just like you when you had the goggles on. But when he met Jesus it was like his heart goggles were taken off and he could see the truth about Jesus.
- How was Paul different once he could “see”? (He began telling people about Jesus and he loved all people.)

- Are our hearts open?
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IDENTITY? WHAT’S THAT?

IDENTITY = WHO YOU ARE

-Have any of you ever seen your mom or dad’s ID book?
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Let’s take it a step further…

Think about your best friend for a moment:
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- Each girl gets a strip of glitter foam. (Quarter of an A4 page).
- Cut out crown points along one edge.
- Glue/staple both ends together to form a crown shape.
- Stick pearl stickers at the tips of the points to decorate.
- You can add some netting for extra decoration if you like!
LET’S TALK ABOUT IDENTITY…

-What is an identity? It’s who we are. It’s the things that make us who we are and the things that describe us.
-What are some things we find our identity in?
  • The things we are good at.
  • The way we look.
  • The friends we hang out with.

-What is the problem of finding our identity in things like that? (Those things can be taken away from us so easily - they don’t last forever. So what happens to our identity when the things that were supposed to make up our identity are no longer there?)

-But true identity can never be taken away. What is this true identity?

Let’s look at a few of the things that are mentioned in those verses:

1. Chosen People
   God has chosen YOU! He chose to make you and He chose to give you life and He’s chosen to use you!

2. Royal Priest
   You are “royalty”, which means that you are an adopted child of the King of the Universe. He loves you as a son or a daughter. You’re also a priest and were created to lead others to God.

3. God’s People
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**Week 4 - WE’RE HIS KIDS (0-1)**

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-Give each child a toilet roll and have them colour it in.

-Then have them cut points out at the one end to make it look like the crown in the picture alongside.

-Punch two holes on either side you so can thread elastic through to secure the crown on their head.
Talk About It

GOD’S FAMILY!

DISCUSS:

- What is a family? (Allow time for the kids to chat about their families)
- You can tell them about your family too.
- Is every family the same? (Of course not.)
- Do you know your family members really well? Do you know when their birthday is? What their favourite food? Favourite colour?
- What do you think God’s family is like?
- Who gets to be in God’s family?
- Are YOU in God’s family? (If you have asked Jesus to live in your heart and to be your Saviour, then you’re in His family)
- If God is our dad, then what does that make us? (His children)

LET’S CHAT ABOUT BEING CHILDREN OF GOD:

- Is there anything God doesn’t know about you? (No)
- Can you hide anything from God? (No)
- Why not? (God knows EVERYTHING!)
- How does it feel knowing that you’re a child of God? (allow the kids to chat about this. Get them thinking about all the cool things that come with being a prince/princess of the most High King.)

GOD’S PLANS FOR US:

- Why do you think you were born?
  (Get them chatting about this, but ultimately we were born because God had a special plan for us here on earth.)
- Do you ever think about what you want to be when you grow up?
  (Allow them to act out what they want to be when they are older.)
- How can we make sure that everything we do is for Jesus?
  (We do everything as if we are doing it for him and we love people wherever we are and whatever we are doing.)

PRAY that God would help us tell our friends and family about Him so that they too can become children of God.
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-Give each child a candle and have them stick it in the centre of the page.
-They can decorate the page however they like and write down all the things that change about us when we become children of God and choose not to do what the ‘world’ does.
Talk About It

GOD’S FAMILY!

- Begin by allowing your group to chat about their families.
- Point out how all our families are different.
- At the end of the day, we are ALL a part of ONE BIG FAMILY!
- Even though our “brothers” and “sisters” in this family might not be perfect, our Father in heaven is; and that’s what we can hold on to.

OUR DAD IS A KING & WE’RE HIS KIDS!

- Let’s recap from last week… what does that make us?? Royalty!
- Which Kingdom are we a part of? God’s heavenly Kingdom.
- Just picture the Queen of England for a moment or a Prince William. What makes them royal? How do they act as royalty?
- When you think about being royal how do you feel?
- How should we act differently knowing that we are in fact royalty?

KNOWING WE’RE ROYAL SHOULD CHANGE OUR LIVES!

- Do you think the Queen ever doubts that she is royalty? (No)
- Do you think she has everything she could ever want? (In terms of earthly things, yes)
- Does she have power of the people? (Yes)

- Do you ever doubt that you’re royal? Why or why not?
- Do you know that you can have all of God’s spiritual blessings? What do you think God wants to bless us with?
- Do we carry power? (Yes, the power of the Holy Spirit)
- What does this mean for us? (The enemy has nothing on us! He can’t touch us because we’re above him.)

READ PSALM 45:

- Chat about their earthly dads
- This is a very sensitive topic so deal with it carefully, but it’s one that needs to be addressed as it influences our lives. The way we see our earthly dad’s often influences the way we see our Heavenly Father. Chat through this thing with your group and deal with it prayerfully if there are kids who don’t have good earthly dad’s or even dad’s at all.
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| **GUYS** | • White cardboard  
- Candles  
- Colouring materials  
- Craft glue |

When we become His children we’re born again! Not in a physical way, but in a spiritual sense. It’s like we get a new birthday!

- Give each child a candle and have them stick it in the centre of the page.

- They can decorate the page however they like and write down all the things that change about us when we become children of God and choose not to do what the ‘world’ does.
GOD’S FAMILY!

- Begin by allowing your group to chat about their families.
- Point out how all our families are different.
- At the end of the day, we are ALL a part of ONE BIG FAMILY!
- Even though our “brothers” and “sisters” in this family might not be perfect, our Father in heaven is; and that’s what we can hold on to.

OUR DAD IS A KING & WE’RE HIS KIDS!

- Let’s recap from last week… what does that make us?? Royalty!
- Which Kingdom are we a part of? God’s heavenly Kingdom.
- Just picture the Queen of England for a moment or a Prince William. What makes them royal? How do they act as royalty?
- When you think about being royal how do you feel?
- How should we act differently knowing that we are in fact royalty?

KNOWING WE’RE ROYAL SHOULD CHANGE OUR LIVES!

- Do you think the Queen ever doubts that she is royalty? (No)
- Do you think she has everything she could ever want? (In terms of earthly things, yes)
- Does she have power of the people? (Yes)

- Do you ever doubt that you’re royal? Why or why not?
- Do you know that you can have all of God’s spiritual blessings? What do you think God wants to bless us with?
- Do we carry power? (Yes, the power of the Holy Spirit)
- What does this mean for us? (The enemy has nothing on us! He can’t touch us because we’re above him.)

READ PSALM 45:

- Chat about their earthly dads
- This is a very sensitive topic so deal with it carefully, but it’s one that needs to be addressed as it influences our lives. The way we see our earthly dad’s often influences the way we see our Heavenly Father. Chat through this thing with your group and deal with it prayerfully if there are kids who don’t have good earthly dad’s or even dads at all.
Week 4 - WE’RE HIS KIDS (6-7)

Memory Verse: “Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God” John 1:12

Story: Let the little children come to me.

Scripture: John 1:12

Bottom Line: Jesus allowed us to become His children.

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Lay out 6 popsicle sticks next two each other. Then lay two sticks across at the top and the bottom. Glue these too the 6 sticks to hold them in place.
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HOW AM I EVEN HERE?

- Before we were born on earth we lived in heaven with our Heavenly Father. We were spirits. A spirit is what is inside of us that makes us alive. When we were spirits, we didn’t have flesh and bones like our bodies have now.
- Our Heavenly Father is the father of our spirits, and we are his spirit children. We don’t remember living with our Heavenly Father before we came to earth, but we know we are his spirit children because we read it in the scriptures.

HOW DID WE GET TO BE A PART OF HIS FAMILY?

READ GALATIANS 4:4-5
“But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to son-ship.”

- First, God sent his son Jesus
- Second, he was born of a woman; Mary
- Third, Jesus was born under the law (The law of Moses which was very religious)
- Fourth, He redeemed all those under the law - that’s me & you (Now we have relationship, not religion and we have the Holy Spirit who lives in us and guides us.)
- Fifth, he adopted us in his family; his eternal family.

DISCUSS:
- What does it mean to be redeemed by Jesus?
  (It means he bought us out of sin. Before we come to know Jesus we can’t help but sin. And Jesus set us free from our sin by dying on the cross! He redeemed us and set us free.)
- What does it mean to be adopted?”
  (It means becoming a part of a new family.)

HOW DO WE BECOME A PART OF GOD’S FAMILY?
- If we confess we are sinners, believe that Jesus died and rose again and believe in our hearts that Jesus is Lord, we can join His family!