

The Family of God

Theme

God's grace is available to all.

Object

A library card

Scripture

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. Galatians 3:26-29 (NLT)

This is a membership card to the Public Library. Do you have a library card? If you don't already have one, you should get one. One of the great things about a library card is that it is available to everyone. It doesn't matter if you are young or old. It doesn't matter if you are a boy or a girl. It doesn't matter if your skin is red, brown, yellow, black, or white. It doesn't matter where you were born or who your parents are. Everyone is welcome.

Another great thing about the library is that once you become a member, you are entitled to all the benefits and services that the library provides. You can check out books and videos -- even music on a CD. You can go to the library and read magazines and newspapers. You can even use the computer.

Oh, by the way, do you know how much it costs to join the library? Nothing! Membership is free!

You know, that is a pretty good picture of what it is like to be a member of the family of God. The Bible tells us that when we trust in Jesus and are united with him in baptism, we all

become the children of God. It doesn't matter if you are a boy or a girl. It doesn't matter what color your skin is. When we become a part of the family of God, we are all brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

The Bible also tells us that when you belong to the family through Christ Jesus, you are entitled to all the benefits of being a child of God. All of the promises that God has made in His Word belong to you! Isn't that great?

Oh, by the way, do you know how much it costs to become a part of the family of God?
Nothing! It is a gift of God!

Dear Father, we are thankful that we can become your children through faith in Jesus Christ. We are thankful that it doesn't matter whether we are girl or boy -- black or white. We are thankful that in Christ we all become one. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Sermon Title: "The Family of God"

Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:26-29

FAMILY HIDE AND SEEK:

Choose two team leaders. Have the children scatter to find a place to HIDE and SEEK. When one of the team leaders finds someone, that person becomes part of THAT "family" and holds hands to run and find more "family members". Players on each team cannot let go of each others hands, but must remain together. Continue to play until all players are found and are a part of a "family".

BALLOON POPPING:

Give children a balloon to blow up and let it fly when the teacher says to "FLY YOUR BALLOON." Wherever the balloon lands, is where the child will go and stand. Continue to play for as long as time allows. At the final balloon blowing time, tell children to tie their balloons and everyone will let their balloon fly up into the air at the same time. Tell children that our balloons today represent everyone in the Family of God who goes different ways and does different things but GOD loves us all and we are in HIS care and of the same Family if we know Jesus as Savior!

FAITH ENVELOPE:

Decorate an envelope and write FAITH in big colorful letters. Let children fill out a recipe card that says CHILDREN OF GOD on one side and some of the words from today's Bible verse or the teacher can have slips of paper with the Bible verse on it for children to glue to the back side of the recipe card. Slip the card inside the FAITH envelope and encourage children to share their FAITH envelope with others.

MEMBERSHIP CARD BOARD:

The teacher can make a MEMBERSHIP BOARD before class time, using a large colored poster board. One side of the Membership Board will have a heading of FAMILY OF GOD MEMBERSHIP, and the other side of the board will have a heading of WORLD MEMBERSHIPS. Let children pick cards out of a box or basket that they will tape to one side or another of the Membership Board --- such as "God's Family" would go on the FAMILY OF GOD side of the board; Library card would be taped to the World Membership side of the board. Other ideas for cards would be church membership; football, piano club, swim team, prayer group; helping the homeless membership, baptism, etc.

FREE MEMBERSHIP CARD:

Provide each child with a credit card size card cut out of poster board. Children can write FREE in bright marker colors on one side and on the other side of the card, they can write the wonderful things that we have in Christ, such as heaven, faith, trust, forgiveness, joy, celebrating, etc. Use a piece of clear contact paper to cover the membership card for children to put in their wallets or purses or in their bedroom drawer at home to remind them of being the Family of God!

FAMILY LINE UP:

Give each child a piece of paper and for younger children, the teacher can have 4-5 "stick" figures drawn for children to color and decorate. Older children can draw their own... connect all the papers of "family" pictures and hang on the class room wall. Write FAMILY OF GOD above the "family" figures.

AVAILABLE GRACE TO ALL:

Give children ink pads and let them put finger prints all over a piece of paper. Each child can have a pen or thin marker to draw hands and feet, face, etc on each finger print on the paper. Make eyes big, slanted, slit and make hair curly or straight, long or short. Write GOD'S GRACE AVAILABLE TO ALL at the top of the paper for a title.

CHILD OF GOD HEADBAND:

Paper strips in various colors (about 3" x 20", etc) can be given to children to color, decorate and add stickers and the words CHILD OF GOD, or FAMILY OF GOD, or GOD'S GRACE FOR ALL. Place on child's head and over lap and tape for child to wear like a headband or crown.

SING A SONG:

Jesus loves the Little Children; One Family in the Lord

SNACK TIME:

Give each child a ticket or a small coupon for a free snack at the end of class. Ask each child what the BEST FAMILY is to be a part of. After they answer - the FAMILY OF GOD - children can purchase a cupcake or cookie with their FREE ticket. Ask each child what it costs to become a child of GOD? It's FREE!!!!

Song: "Jesus Loves the Little Children

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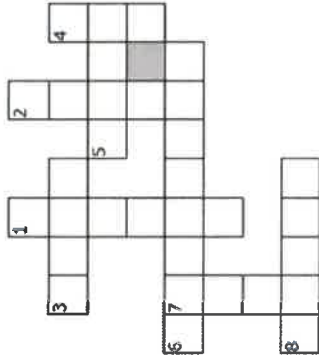
Song: "One Family in the Lord"

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Crossword Puzzle



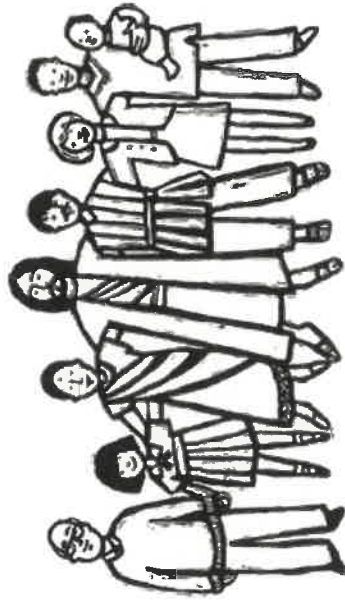
ACROSS

- A person who is not owned or controlled by someone else
- A man or boy
- Persons between birth and youth
- A native or inhabitant of Greece

DOWN

- A woman or a girl
- A person who is owned by someone else and works for them
- A member of a race of people whose religion is Judaism
- One who receives wealth or property from a parent

JEW	FEMALE	SLAVE	MALE
HEIR	GREEK	CHILDREN	FREE



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Galatians 3:26-29

Word Search

P J B H H V O E Y Z L A D E K
I E A E S G E R F O D G H E B
J S P I K S C L O T H E D V B
T U T R W I C F T V F B Y O N
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HEIRS	CLOTHED	FEMALE	JESUS	FREE
SLAVE	SONS	MALE	JEW	PROMISE
ONE	FAITH	BAPTIZED	GREEK	CHRIST

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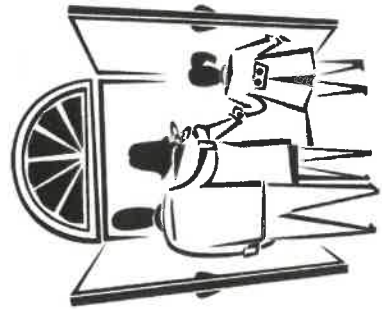
Decoder

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

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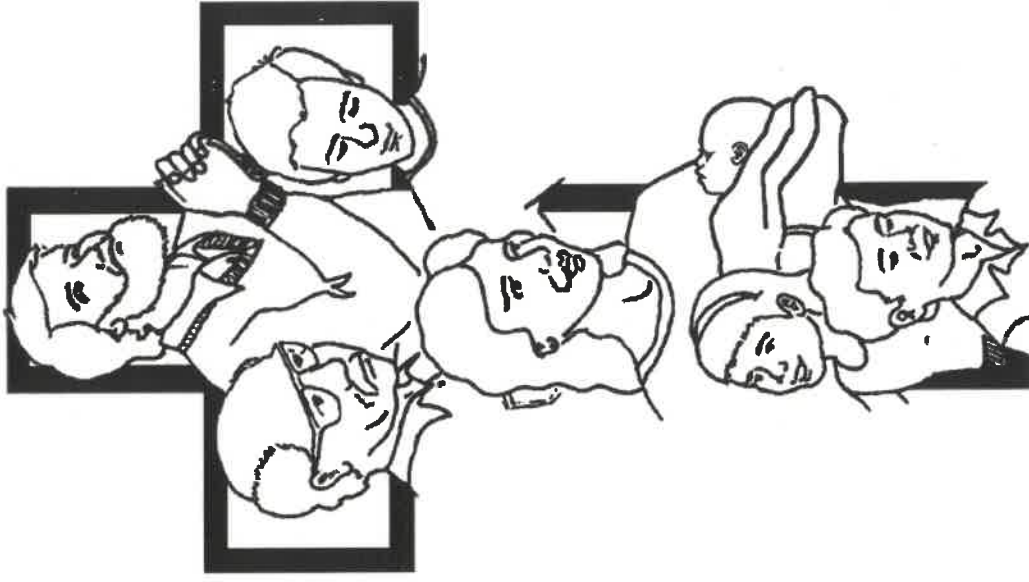
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- 22-3-2-8-23 _____
- 5-3-16-6-18-3 _____
- 13-8-3-3-20 _____
- 1-3-9 _____
- 16-6-18-3 _____

SLAVE	GREEK	HEIRS	PROMISE
FREE	MALE	JEW	FEMALE



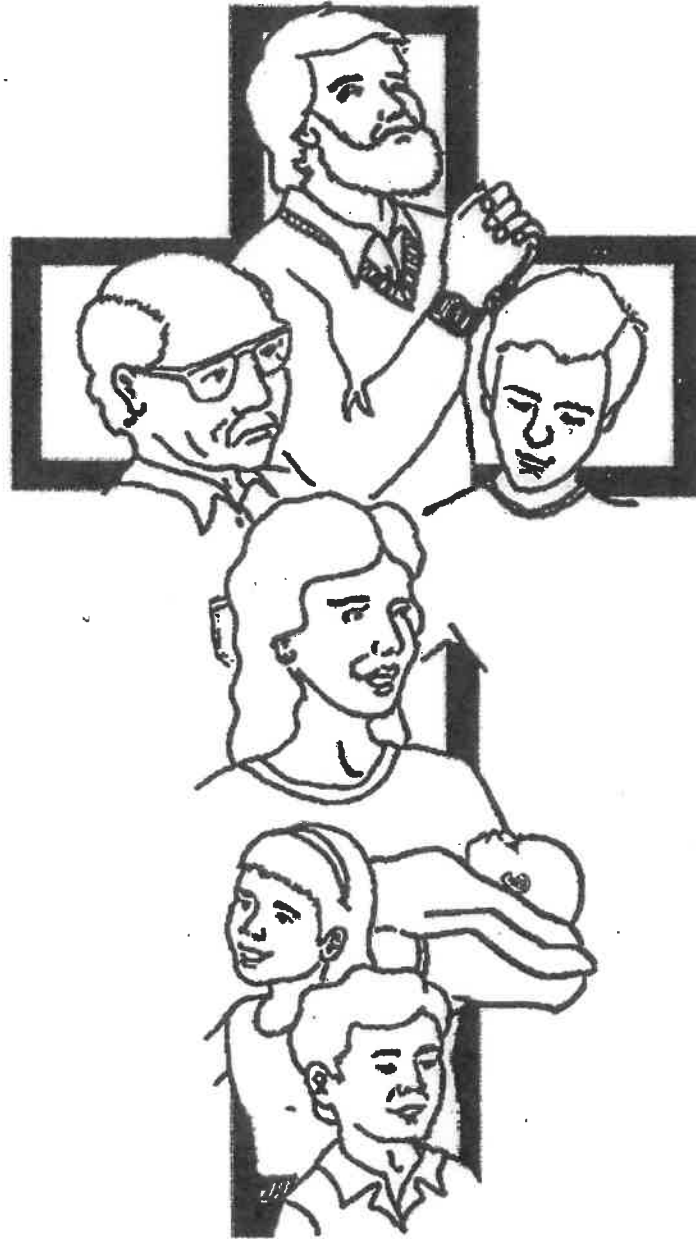
WELCOME
to the Family of God!

Coloring Page



There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
Galatians 3:28 (NIV)

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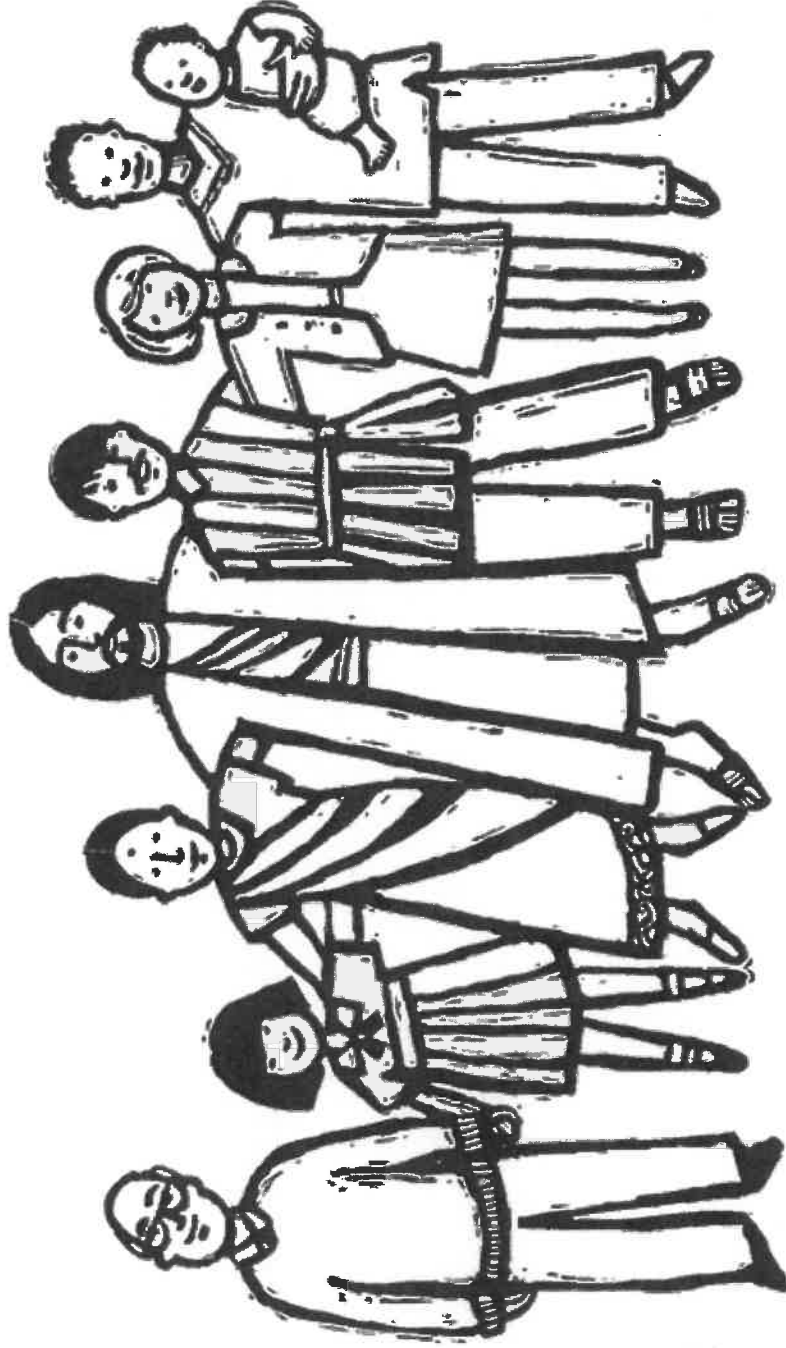


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nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
Galatians 3:28 (NIV)**

The Family of God

For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:26 (NLT)



BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female.

For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28 (NLT)