



GROUP LEADER GUIDE

NATURE OF GOD // WEEK 2

GOD IS MY HEAVENLY FATHER

Ephesians 1:5 NLT

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. ...

The Point

I am accepted and loved,

A child of God above.

Group Activity Directions

You'll Need

- God My Father activity sheet (1 per group)
- Markers (1 set per group)

To Do

1. **Show** your group the God My Father sheet.
2. **Read** the first statement to the whole group.
3. **Explain:** That statement is not true. I will read a Bible verse that is true, and you can tell me what God is really like.
4. **Read** the Bible verse on the back of the page that corresponds with the first statement.
5. Kids **say** what they think the real truth about God is.
6. **Write** the truth the kids tell you underneath the false statement. **Note:** *The leader or a child can write it.*
7. **Repeat** the process for as many statements as time allows.
8. **Pray:** God, thank you for being a good Father to all of us. Please hide the truth about You in our hearts so we always know You are good. In Jesus' name, amen.

Group Discussion Ideas

Get Everyone Talking

1. What is the best Christmas present you ever received?
2. What kind of necklace would you give to Alyssa?
3. If you could be in Mike's family, what would you give him for Christmas?

Check For Understanding

1. What good things does God do for you to show He is a great Father? *He gives me what I need, is always with me, gives me a family, sent Jesus to Earth to forgive me for my sins, changes me to be more like Him, etc.*
2. Why did God give Jesus a family to live with? *God gave Jesus a family to take care of Him, teach Him, and love Him.*
3. Who is in God's family? *Everyone who accepts Jesus as Lord and Savior is in God's family.*
4. Why is it such a gift to be in God's family? *God is the Father of His family. He will always love me, take care of me, and teach me. He will always be there for me.*
5. Why do you celebrate Jesus' birthday? *To tell Him thank you for taking the punishment for my sins, show how much I love Him, and so others know how important He is.*

Apply To This Week

1. What do you love about Jesus? *Answers will vary.*
2. How can you show others that they can be in God's family? *Tell them, love them, invite them to church, help them, etc.*
3. This week, pick one person who doesn't know they can be in God's family. Tell them about it and show them love. Who is your person? *Answers will vary.*