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He gave them the right to
become children of God.”**

John 1:12





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Date _____



Draw a picture of your favorite story from the Bible.



Imagine that a person from the Bible came to visit you for a day. Who would you want to have visit? What would you do with them for the day? Write about it.



GOD'S STORY IN OUR LIFE

BIG IDEA: God's story of love and redemption continues today in the lives of His children.

BIBLE BASIS: 1 John 3:1-3

KEY VERSE: "Some people did accept him and did believe in his name. He gave them the right to become children of God." John 1:12 (NirV)





1 John 3:1. Tell God how it makes you feel to be called His child.



PRAY IT!

Write a prayer thanking God for showing His love in your life.



JESUS IS THE TRUE VINE

BIG IDEA: Jesus is the vine, so we can grow by staying connected to Him.

BIBLE BASIS: John 15:1-17

KEY VERSE: "I am the vine. You are the branches. If you remain joined to me, and I to you, you will bear a lot of fruit." John 15:5 (NIRV)





FAMILY ACTIVITIES: GOD'S STORY IN OUR LIVES

FOR YOUNGER KIDS:

FIST PUPPETS

Supplies: Washable markers

Directions: Instruct everyone to make a Fist Puppet like the one in the picture. Using a washable marker, draw a face on the thumb-side of your fist. When finished, practice saying the Bible verse below until everyone has it memorized.



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Next, have someone go first and recite the verse while moving their Fist Puppet's mouth (their thumb) up and down like a ventriloquist. For added fun, encourage everyone to say the verse in a funny voice without moving their lips. Continue until everyone has had a turn.

Question: What do you think it means to be a child of God? How does that make you feel?

FOR OLDER KIDS:

WHO AM I

Supplies: Paper and a pen

Set up: Write each of the following names/events on a separate note card or piece of paper: Creation, Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Samson, David, Gabriel, Baby Jesus, the Cross, and Paul.

Directions: Place the 12 pieces of paper face down. Have someone randomly select a card, look at it in private, and then act it out without using words. Everyone else will try to guess what they are acting. Allow everyone to take turns acting until each of the cards has been guessed. When all of the cards have been guessed, work as a group to lay the cards on the floor in the correct order (Creation, Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Samson, David, Gabriel, Baby Jesus, the Cross, and Paul.) Afterwards, see if you can remember what happened in the Big Bible Story for each of the cards. When finished, ask the following question:

Question: What do you think it means to be a part of God's story?



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