A Chosen People

A common desire today is that we all want to fit somewhere and belong to something. We all want to be chosen. No one wants to be the last one picked or left out. If you are a child of God, there is good news. You have already been chosen!

“Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.”

I Peter 2:10

By accepting the will of Jesus in your life, you now belong to the most elite and important group in the world, the family of God. You are heir to the blessings and benefits of the King!

Through the years, God has marked His chosen people with separation and holiness to make us noticed in this world and to serve as a powerful witness for Him. This not only marks our personal consecration to Him, but also provides divine protection and blessings to us.

The Holy Ghost makes a powerful change in us. In becoming a new creature in Christ, our desires change, our minds change and our life begins anew. With sin and its trappings no longer in our lives, the Holy Ghost gives us the power and desire to begin putting the right things into our everyday lives.

Family Prayer: Jesus, thank you so much that you have chosen us to be your people. Help us to please you and be a blessing to you in our choices and decisions everyday as we walk in Your will for our lives.
Looking Outward

Family Discussion:

Being chosen oftentimes will set you apart from others. This is part of God’s design for us. Be prepared to be noticed! How would you reply if asked why you are different? How can you prepare yourself to best answer this question? What can you say to draw in a person seeking the truth?

Supply each family member with one slip of paper and a pen. Have each person write two reasons that they think God may have ‘chosen’ them. Share with each other, emphasizing such traits as honesty, compassion, reaching for the lost, a desire to know him, etc. Make each child aware that they have something in their life that God can use.

Continue collecting change for the country your family chose in an earlier devotion. Do some research on this country. Are there Apostolic churches there? What other ways can your family reach out from where you are? Brainstorm ways your family can challenge yourselves to increase your mission outreach efforts.
Read Daniel 1
What set Daniel apart from the others?

(Fill in the blanks) Daniel __________ in his __________ that he would not defile himself with the portion of the __________ __________, or with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not __________ himself.

Read Daniel 2
When Daniel heard the king had made a decree to slay all the wise men (including Daniel and his fellows), what did he do?

When he received his answer, what did he do? (Verses 17-23)

Read Daniel 6
By purposing in his heart, at an early age, how do you think this prepared Daniel for Chapter 6?

Have there been times in your life where you have had to take a stand for what you believe? (Explain)

Optional: List other Bible examples where people have had to stand for righteousness even if they had to stand alone.
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Unscramble each of the clue words.
Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

Words are taken from the Devotional page (Hint: Don't forget to check the scripture and prayer)
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Find your way from darkness to light!