



Family Time

Main Idea:

I'm Invited



Key Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!



Set it Up:

As a family, play a game of “guess the identity of a famous person.” Announce a category of famous people that your kids know (historical figures, presidents, TV personalities, cartoon characters, singers, etc.). Invite one person at a time to privately choose a famous person from the category. (Tell them not to reveal who it is just yet).

The others then ask questions that can only be answered by a yes or no to try and discover the famous person's identity. (*Examples: Am I a man? Am I still living? Could you see me on TV? Am I famous for singing? Etc.*)

If you have younger kids, you may want to guess animals instead of people. Give them clues if they need help.



Ask:

What is your identity? (*Who you are, what you are like, etc.*)

When a person accepts and follows Jesus, they have a new identity. We are all invited to have this new identity. That does not mean that you get a new name or body, but you are different on the inside.

God forgives your sin and makes you part of His family. We are to live in ways that honor God and our new family. The old ways of selfishness should be put away, and the new ways of loving should be a part of who we are.



Discuss: How do you become a part of God's family?

Hint: Watch the *3-Circles* and *1-Verse* videos at cbcfamily.net/go2.



Read: John 3:1-16

Discuss the conversation Jesus had with Nicodemus. Put yourselves in the room with them. Turn it into a play – assign and act out the parts. What do you understand or need to know more about?

Simple truths about being a part of God's family:

- God loves you and wants you to be in His family. (John 3:16)
- We have all sinned and gone our own way. (Romans 3:23)
- Jesus came to earth and died on the cross for our sins. (1 John 4:10)
- We have to believe that He died for our sins and came alive again. (Romans 10:9)
- Tell God that you want to receive Him into your life; we need to receive His forgiveness for our sins.
- Say “thank you” to Him. Celebrate!



If your child understands these basic truths about salvation, then it is time to ask them if they are ready to receive Jesus into their life. (Doing this one-on-one is normally better than in a group setting.)

Have questions? Need help? Contact Kids@Calvary!