

Family Guide Week of May 2

LEGACY

THE BIG IDEA

The Holy Spirit makes us a part of God's family.

THE BIBLE

Life in the Spirit: Romans 8:12-17;
(John 3:5-7)

What are we talking about today?

VIDEO | Legacy, Episode 5

INSTRUCTIONS: *Play this week's video.*

SCRIPTURE | Romans 8:12-17

- Let's time travel one last time! Today we are going to go hear what Apostle Paul had to say about being in God's family.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:**
- *Read Romans 8:12-17*
- Paul said we were all born with a nature that has a certain set of rules, but those rules actually harm us and make us sin.
- But when Jesus came to Earth, the rules changed. Jesus came to help us form a great relationship with God and be a part of God's family.
- When we are part of a new family, we no longer have to follow the rules that we had before. Instead, we embrace the way our new family lives!
 - Say you are a citizen of Italy – you have to follow the laws of that country. But if you go to another country and become a citizen of that country, such as the United States, you no longer need to follow the rules of Italy, but it is important that you follow the rules of the United States.
- We have been invited to a new family, with laws that help us love, forgive, be patient, put others first, and have joy in times of trouble! And the Holy Spirit helps us follow those rules so we can love our family better!

DISCUSSION

- **What good news did Paul give the Romans?**
- **How can we be children of God?**
- **How do God's children live?**
- **Think about our memory verse this month. How do we know who God's children are?**

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- What is your favorite part about belonging to God's family?
- How can you show others you are part of God's family?
- How can you invite others into God's family?

REFLECTION | Faith Family Tree

INSTRUCTIONS: As a family, draw a tree on a piece of poster board or paper and hang it up in your home. Fill in all the members of your family, as far as you can remember to show they are part of God's family – not necessarily their own – who has shown them what faith looks like.

Our journey with God doesn't happen alone. God has given us people – parents, grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles, friends, and your leaders at church who show us what it means to follow Jesus.

POLL | Family Trivia

- One way families are different is that they have different rules. Have you ever been to a friend's house and learned they have a totally different set of rules than the ones at your house?
- Let's see how much we know about different rules around the world. Help each other by guessing what is true and what is false.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *The kids can guess what the laws of different places are – feel free to research and add your own. Tell them to give a thumbs up if they think it's true, and a thumbs down if they think it's false.*
- In Rome, goldfish cannot be kept in bowls but must be in full-sized aquarium. (*True.*)
- In Switzerland, people are not allowed to flush the toilet after 10 p.m. (*False.*)
- In Georgia, there is a law that forbids people from eating fried chicken with anything other than their hands. (*True.*)
- Chewing gum has been banned in Singapore since 1992. (*True.*)
- Children cannot eat ice cream in front of their parents in Montgomery, Missouri. (*False.*)
- The city of San Francisco banned feeding pigeons. (*True.*)
- In Vietnam, everyone must enter a room backwards. (*False.*)
- It is illegal to drive a dirty car in Russia. (*True.*)
- It is illegal to pee in the ocean in Portugal. (*True.*)

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for making us a part of your family. No matter where we come from or where we have been, you give us the Holy Spirit. Thank you for the people in our lives whose legacy has been shared with us. Amen.

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BLESSING:

Make the sign of the cross on each family members forehead and say these words, "You are a very important part of our family and God's family. You are loved."