



# Hope Month

Kindergarten - 5th Grade & LIFT Students

August 29-30, 2020

**Bible Story:** Family: The Parable of the Two Sons (*Luke 15:11-32*)

**Big Idea:** We are the family of God.

**Bible Verse:** 1 John 3:1

**Watch the teaching video on Grace Kids' YouTube page or read the story in a Bible. Then choose a few activities below based on your child's age/ability level.**

- Start with a discussion about family. What do you love about your family? What makes you special? Who else would you consider "family"? What does it mean to be part of the "family of God"?
- Review the Bible story. Re-enact the story using dolls, action figures, or legos. Then discuss: the younger son turned away from his family. Have you ever felt that way? When the younger son came back, what did the father do? How do you think God feels when you decide to come back to Him? Is there anything the son could have done that the father wouldn't forgive? Is there anything you could do that God wouldn't forgive? How did the older son feel about his brother? Have you ever felt that way? Is there anyone we should not invite into the family of God?
- Read the Bible Verse. Look up and read the Bible verse together. Read a few different versions if you have them. (The Bible App or biblegateway.com make this easy!) What does this verse say about belonging to the family of God? What does it say about how to talk to others about the family of God?
- Make a plan to invite others into the family of God. God will always welcome and include us in His family. He wants us to extend that welcome to others. Who needs to know they are welcome in the family of God? How can you tell them they are welcome and wanted? Invite them to service or another church event.
- Try to memorize the Big Idea. Say the Big Idea together a few times & make up motions. Write words of the Big Idea verse on pieces of paper and hide them in a bin of rice or beans. Have your child find the papers, then put the words in order and say it again.
- Don't forget the family Hope Month challenge! Write a letter (one or more!) to a member of our community that is isolated. We have a list of addresses and people groups on our website: those who live in nursing homes, prisons, or juvenile centers, foster and LIFT families, and more. Check it out at [gracechurch.us/hope](http://gracechurch.us/hope).