

# HOME connection

NT Unit: Blessed!, Lesson 1

## D6 Family Theme:

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN CHRIST

## Objectives:

**Know:** *In Christ*, we have been blessed beyond measure by the past, present, and ongoing work of redemption.

**Think:** *In Christ*, I live with confidence and assurance because I am God's redeemed child.

**Do:** Express praise and thankfulness to God for all He has blessed us with *in Christ*.



## READ: LISTEN TO GOD

**Read Ephesians 1:3-23.** God prepared all human history for bringing salvation to His people. Before the first sin, God was already working, preparing to adopt repentant sinners into His family. He did that *before* any of us believed. How well will He watch over us *now*? What's the worst that could happen?



## PRAY: TALK TO GOD

Praise God for His glorious grace in bringing you into His family. Pray with your family and thank God for His perfect plan of redemption. Thank Him for adopting you and your family as His children.



## DO: WALK WITH GOD

**OPTION 1:** As Christians, we get to experience the benefits of being a child of God, including forgiveness and the hope for eternal life. Our Heavenly Father longs for a deep and intimate relationship with His children. That is why it is important for us to take the time in our busy lives to spend time with Him and develop that relationship. How many blessings can your family name together from today's Scripture passage? Write them with a marker on a roll of wrapping paper and keep unrolling it to make room for more. What other blessings—spiritual or physical—would you add to the list? Thank God together as a family for all of His blessings to you. Yes, you can have Thanksgiving in the middle of the summer!

**OPTION 2:** *What's the worst that could happen?* Ask your family to discuss situations where people did not ask this question or prepare for it. What situations have your family members been concerned or worried about? How did they end up? What would the *worst case scenario* have been?



PRE-SCHOOL

Today your child learned God gives us armor to help us fight against the devil and his tricks. It is not physical armor, but rather spiritual. He or she learned to put on the belt of truth to help us not only tell the truth, but also to remember the truth we know about God. **God Gives Me Protection.**



K & 1  
GRADE



2 & 3  
GRADE



4 & 5  
GRADE

Today your student studied Ephesians 1 and learned about the spiritual blessings God gives us. He or she learned we receive these blessings not because of anything we do, but because of what Jesus did on the cross for us. He or she was challenged to be thankful for the different spiritual blessings given to us by Jesus.



YOUNG  
TEEN



HIGH  
SCHOOL

Because we are adopted into the family of God, we are joint heirs with Jesus of all the wonderful riches of God's kingdom. We are blessed with great spiritual riches. Your teens learned today about our inheritance through Christ. To remind your teens of the importance of being part of a family, perhaps you can do something special for a foster child in your community (especially one who is the same age as your teen). Search for "foster children charities" and consider helping with a fundraiser in your area.



YOUNG  
ADULT

*The Brink* magazine went out today. The group members discussed the spiritual blessings we have in Christ. They were challenged to think about these blessings and thank God for all He has done.



ADULT

*FUSION* and *FUSIONnext* magazines went out this week, as well as the newsletter for parents of teens, *What's Up?* Groups discussed how we have been blessed beyond measure by Christ's work of redemption. Members were encouraged to express praise and thankfulness to God for all He has blessed us with *in Christ*.