

WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN

Philippians 2:12-18

HERE'S WHAT HAPPENS...

Paul writes to obey God and do everything without complaining and arguing, living innocent lives as children of God. Paul shows that children of God shine like bright lights in a dark world. As God's children, we can hold on to the world of life and run the race of Christian faith with joy.

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."

~Philippians 1:6



WHAT YOU'LL NEED THIS WEEK...

- Bible
- White Paper
- Red Paper
- Various colors of washable paint
- Paint brushes
- Scissors
- Glue

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

SPOTLIGHT - Students will explore what it means to reflect God's light as they follow the leader.

WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN HANDPRINTS - Students will create colorful handprints to remind them that they are God's children.

FAMILY TOGETHER TIME - Families will reflect on what's fun about being in God's family.

SPOTLIGHT:

- 1) Have kids spread out around the room and face you at the front of the room.
- 2) Explain that you'll be taking turns up front in the spotlight, leading the rest of the group in wild and wacky actions. Those can be busting out an amazing dance move, showing off the world's quickest jumping jacks, singing a show tune, or impersonating a chicken. Whatever the person up front is doing, the rest of you will attempt to do.
- 3) Every 10 to 15 seconds, switch who is in the spotlight.

Here's something about following Jesus: It's not about us. It isn't how well we do when we're in the spotlight; it's about how well we follow what Jesus does when he's in spotlight!

We shine the brightest when we're doing what he shows us to do and reflecting his love into the world around us. What's something you know for sure God wants his children to do? How do you know that?

I love that we shine the brightest when we keep our eyes on Jesus and reflect his love to everyone around us!

WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN HANDPRINT:

- 1) Paint child's hand in a rainbow fashion and put a hand imprint on white paper. If paint is not available trace handprint onto white paper and color as desired
- 2) While paint dries cut a heart shape from red paper. Write "we are all God's children."
- 3) Glue heart beside handprint.

This craft is to remind us that God made each of us special with our very own unique hand/finger print. We can use our hands to do God's work, being happy and colorful like the rainbow and pretty colors.



FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:

Have a "funny family photos" session. Try some of these ideas for funny photos, or make up some of your own.

- Make props like mustaches, giant mouths, and so on, and hold them in front of your faces.
- Have everyone make goofy faces.
- Do silly poses.

After your funny family photo shoot, look at the pictures and talk about what's fun about being in your family. Then talk about what's fun about being in God's family.