

Chapter 3 Activity: Child of God



Teaching Goal: God knows us by name. He knows us personally.

Scripture: Isaiah 49:16 See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands.

John 1:12 To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, He gave the right to become children of God.

Materials: Paper and pencils
\$20 dollar bill
Blank name tag or sticky label for each participant
Scissors

☺ Words that are written in **bold** are when you, the parent, are speaking. Feel free to use your own words.

A. ACTIVITY #1: (All ages) Give each person a piece of paper. **Let's say that this is paper that we purchased to write on. Follow me and do what I do.** Go outside, in the garage or somewhere that you can get the paper really dirty. Rub it in the dirt. Flick a few drops of water on the paper and crunch it up. **Crunch the paper into a small ball in your hand. Now, unfold it. Is this still good paper for writing? Would your teacher accept homework turned in on this paper? Should we use it or throw it away?** *Throw it away because it has lost its value as writing paper.*

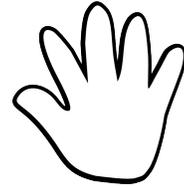
Take out the \$20 dollar bill. **Now, I'm going to do the same thing with this \$20 bill.** Rub it in dirt, flick some water on it, crumble it up and then unfold it. **Should I throw it away? NO! Why not? Because it is still worth \$20. We had two pieces of paper but one did not lose its value. The paper that is used to make a \$20 dollar bill is still valuable because the US Government has added value to the piece of paper. The US Government has said that even if it is dirty, wet or crumpled the bill is worth \$20.**

Just as the US Government adds value to the \$20 dollar bill, God has added value to you. Invite a volunteer to read John 1:12. **When you receive Jesus—which means you know about Him; then believe that what He says is true; and live making decisions based on your belief in Him—you become a Child of God! When you are a Child of God, you may still sin (make bad choices). Sin would be like the dirt, water, crunching and folding we did to the paper. But when God looks at you He sees past the dirty sin to the beautiful heart of Jesus at work in you. Through Jesus we become a Child of God and that gives us value!**

B. ACTIVITY #2: (Younger children) Invite a volunteer to read Isaiah 49:16.

God, the creator of everything we see, knows each one of us personally! Knowing God and being known by God is what gives each one of us value. In this verse Isaiah tells us that God has my name and your name printed on the palm of His hand! How close. How personal. To help us remember this we are going to make a Palm of God sticker.

Draw a palm print on the blank label. Write on the inside: *Name* Is a Child of God! Using scissors cut out the handprint. You may put this sticker on your shirt, on a book, inside a Bible, etc.



Memorize: “I have engraved you in the palms of my hands.” Isaiah 49:16

FAMILY TIME TRAINING

5511 S. Youngfield Street • Littleton, CO 80127 • 303-433-7010 • 1-866-433-7010 (Toll Free)

FAMTIME.COM • E-MAIL: info@famtime.com

Used with permission