

Lesson #5

Hebrews 2:10-18, Philippians 2:6-8

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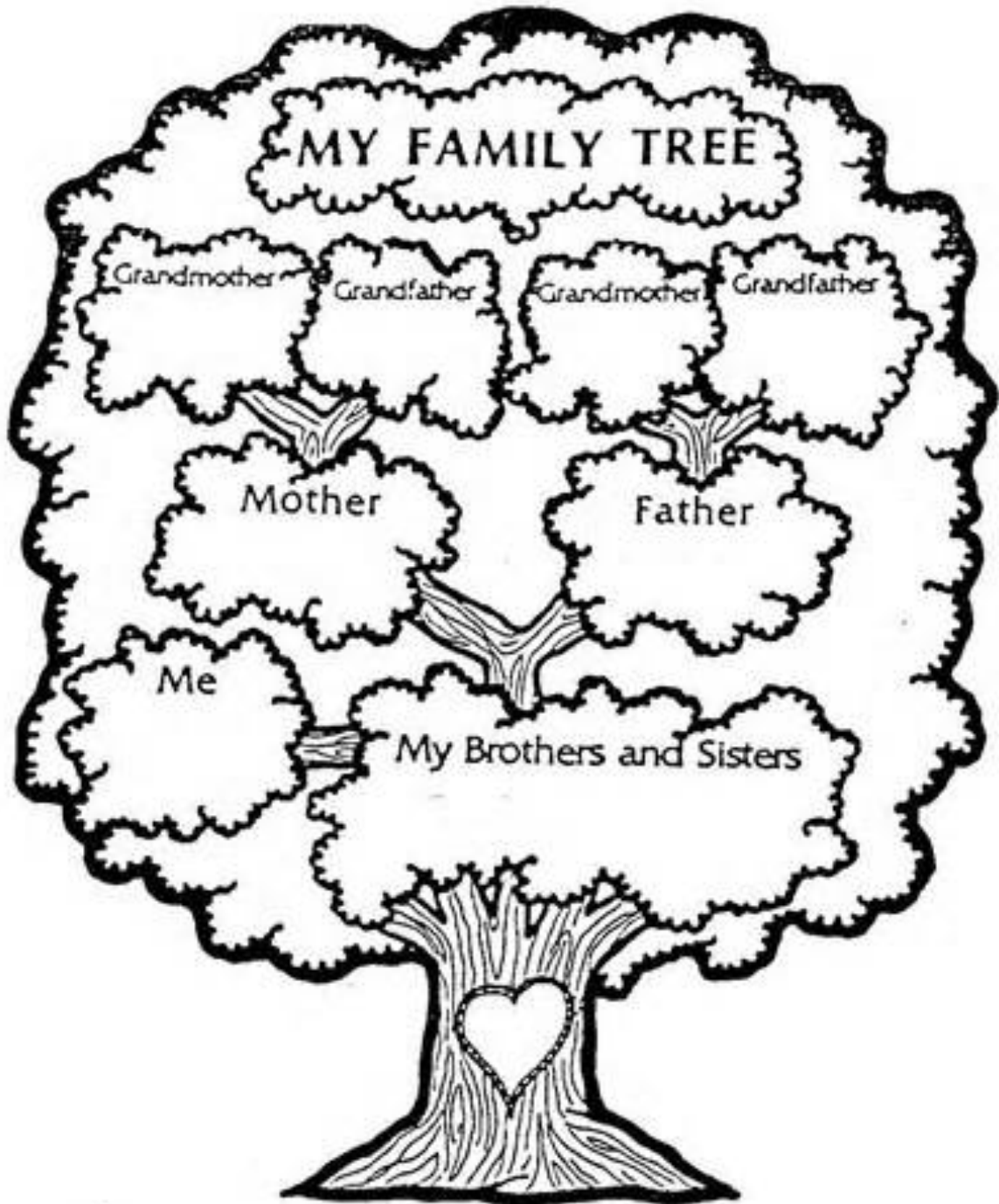
Good Morning! I am so glad you are here. Today's lesson is pretty cool. It is about Jesus and what He did for us and what He calls us. But first, I want to ask you some questions. Who is in your family? *Give them a few moments to share.* Many of you have at least one brother or sister. Have you ever heard of a family tree? Let me draw you my family tree. *Draw a simple version of your family tree on the white board. I have provided one at the end of this lesson as a reference. As you draw, tell them who is in your family tree. If you have a brother or sister, explain why they are called that. For example: Here is my brother, Mike. He is my brother because he is my mom and dad's son. That is what makes us brother and sister.* Well, let me tell you something even cooler...Jesus calls us brothers and sisters! That is awesome, right? But wait a minute—how can He call us that? How does He fit into our family tree? I'll tell you—God did the most amazing miracle of all. God did this because He wanted us to be part of His eternal family. I'll illustrate this with a little story...

Let's pretend that you are ants. Get down on your hands and knees and crawl on the floor like ants. Great job! When you see ants, they follow each other in a line, don't they? Now you form an "ant" line. Let's pretend that a person turned on the water hose and soon all of you will be swept away with the water. What's worse, you don't even know there is big danger just ahead. YIKES! But someone cares for you; someone loves you! He doesn't want you to be swept away with the water. How can He save you? Can He talk to you and tell you what is ahead? "Hey ants, you are in big trouble. You need to go the other way." *Put your hands around your mouth like you are calling down to the ants.* No! Ants don't understand "people words!" They understand "ant sounds." Can He move His hands up and down and try to explain with motions? *Make big hand motions trying to warn the ants.* No! That would be silly! The only way He could save you ants from the water would be if He turns into an ant Himself. Then He could ask you to follow Him out of danger to safety. In a way, that is just what Jesus did for us.

In the Bible, in the book of Hebrews, it reads, "For this reason He had to be made like them, fully human in every way..." Hebrews 2:17a. Jesus had to come down from Heaven, be born just like us—as a baby, as a human. He grew up like you and me. He did this to help us, to show us how to make good choices like He did and to show us TRUE and COMPLETE forgiveness. Then, He took our place. He took on our punishment for the wrong things we did and will do. Because of what Jesus did for us, we can be called His brothers and sisters. We can be His in family and live with Him forever. Now, that is amazing! Let's thank Jesus for what He has done for us. Let's pray:

Dear God, thank you for loving us so much that you sent your Son to live with us, teach us, and die for us. He showed us true love and forgiveness. Thank you for having us in your family and calling us sons and daughters. In our brother, Jesus' name, Amen.

Bible Verse: "For this reason He had to be made like them, fully human in every way..." Hebrews 2:17a NIV



Grow at Home #5
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Today the children learned these God facts:

- God is our Father and Jesus is our Brother
- Jesus became a man to show us true love and complete forgiveness

Live It Out:

Our Bible lesson taught us today that Jesus became man so He can show us true love and forgiveness and He can call us brothers and sisters.

Look at a family photo album together. Point to each person in the pictures and ask your kids who they are. Then remind them about the lesson this week. Tell them that Jesus calls us brother and sister. Explain that it would be like Jesus taking a family picture with us because we belong with Him. Have them imagine that for a bit. Say something like, “isn’t that amazing that Jesus came from Heaven and entered Earth as a baby to become our savior...and our brother?” Then talk to God together and thank Him.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Thank you for calling us brother and sister. Thank you for becoming a man so you can truly love and forgive us. We love you. Amen.

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