

What On Earth Am I Here For?

Birth - Age 3

Lesson 3 - Belong

Toddler Tid-Bit (Activity at home for parents and children- can be included in weekly handout)

Verse: *You are in God's family.* Ephesians 2:19 (TLB) paraphrased

Message: Paul and his followers were concerned about the believers in each place they traveled. They loved and cared for them all. Do you know why? They were now family! Family cares for one another. Paul taught about God's love and wanted to share it with everyone he met, but it did not stop there. He helped form churches for followers to go to worship the Lord. A place for them to belong with other believers. He taught these churches to care for one another, no matter if the people were of different race or lived in different countries. You could say that through God, Paul's mission was to change the church.

God created you to be in a family. Not just the family you were born into, but His family. A family of believers. Did you know that once you were born into God's family you now have a HUGE family with many brothers and sisters? How cool is that! God wants a family and you were born to be part of it. God's second purpose is to **BELONG**. When you become a Christian, you belong to a team, God's team! A team of believers.

Baby Bible Signs:

Word: God

Motion: Hold your right hand, palm open, bent upward at a right angle, toward your wrist. Place your hand and arm, thumb toward you, at forehead level and move downward, drawing your hand along the middle of your face and down to your chest, stopping at your heart.

In action: *God loves me.*

Try this activity with your child to teach that they belong to God's family:

Say this hand poem with your child to teach about being in God's family. Hold your hand up and lift one finger at a time and say:

One little finger lonely as can be,
Add two more and then there are three.
Three little fingers play some more,
One comes along and then there's four.
Four little fingers start to come alive.
Add one more and then there's five!
Five little fingers on one little hand,
Love each other and understand,
Five little fingers live together you see,
And help each other as a family.

Pray this prayer with your child:

Dear God, Thank you for choosing me. Amen.

