

Get Rich: We Have Been Adopted

Week 1

Props: Put up a large banner that says "Get Rich" in your large group space. Also, put up paper money with the words love and forgiveness taped across the bills.

-SLIDE- Welcome (Start kid's countdown once all classes are present)

Hey kids! Welcome to kid's church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

-SLIDE- Series Intro (2 min)

Today we're going to start a new series called "Get Rich." Now what do you think of when you think of being rich? **(allow kids to answer)**. Those are some great answers! But we're actually going to talk about another way we can be rich that isn't about money. We're going to learn what it means to be rich in God's love.

In this lesson, we're going to talk about what happens when we trust in Jesus. The first thing that happens is we're saved from our sins. When we trust Jesus, our sins are forgiven which means we can be in relationship with God again. But something else really cool happens when we trust in Jesus - we become a part of God's family!

We'll talk more about that in a few minutes, but first, let's stand and sing a song to God.

-SONG- No One Greater (3 min)

Good job. I think God loves to hear all your voices praising Him. Now, let's sit down and say our big idea together.

-SLIDE- Big Idea: We can be adopted into God's family. (repeat)

-VIDEO- Rich 1 (4 min)

-SLIDE- Recap (3 min)

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- There is only ___ way into God's family. (one)
- True or False: God's family is smaller than you think. (false)
- How do we get adopted into God's family? (by trusting in Jesus)

Great job! Maybe you know someone who has been adopted. Adoption is a super cool thing that happens when loving parents choose to love a child that doesn't have a family of their own. So those parents bring that child into their family. That child has all the same rights and benefits as any other member of that family. And, that's how it works with God, too. He wants us to be a part of his family.

That reminds me of our memory verse, let's all stand and read it together.

-SLIDE- Memory Verse: "God **(point up)** decided in advance **(point backwards)** to adopt us **(point at kids)** into his own family **(hug self)** by bringing us **(point at self)** to himself **(point up)** through Jesus Christ **(hands as book)**." Ephesians 1:5 **(Repeat)**

You guys are awesome! This verse is telling us that God planned on adopting us a long time ago. He had it planned from the beginning! And it's so easy for us to be adopted, all we have to do is put our trust in Jesus and believe that he saved us from our sins. We don't have to give 50 high fives to people or be able to answer every question in kids church to get into the family. We just have to trust in Jesus. Then we are adopted into the BIGGEST, COOLEST family in the universe. Talk about being rich! Being a part of God's family means we get all the benefits that God offers. Things like; his protection, love, blessings, and heaven.

Now let's stand together and sing one last song to God!

-SONG- Jesus Loves Me (3 min)

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

-SLIDE- Big Idea: We can be adopted into God's family. (Repeat)

-SLIDE- Operation Christmas Child

Did you know that many kids around the world never get any presents and don't have any toys to call their own? But you have the opportunity to change that. You can fill a shoebox full of toys that will be sent to a child somewhere in the world to open this Christmas. Tell your parents to pick up an info page at the KC desk. Then, bring your box back to church and we'll ship it out!

-SLIDE- Let's Pray (then dismiss)