



You Are A Child of God!

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The children will learn what a wonderful Daddy our God is! He's so loving and approachable. They'll also learn about their inheritance, rights and privileges. The Memory Verse is a lot of fun...photographs of their Leaders as babies? What's not to love!

Song Suggestions

- I am a Child of God (Bible Adventure Worship)
- Children of God (Steven Curtis Chapman)
- No Longer Slaves (KPTV)

Game: Baby Bottle Burp

You will need:

- 3 or 4 baby bottles filled with water (one per child)
- A bib for each baby (just for fun)
- 3 or 4 Mums or Dads (kids pretending to be a parent)
- 3 or 4 chairs for the Mums or Dads to sit on

The Mum or Dad is each given a baby to feed. They sit on a chair and put the baby on their lap! On the word 'Go' they must put a baby bib on their baby and feed them the bottle. Whoever finishes their bottle first and is burped by Mum or Dad and able to produce a loud burp is the winner!

Skit: Who's Your Daddy?

Scene: The checkout counter of a sports store

Props: Three cardboard boxes (purchases)
Bike helmet (for Customer)
Clipboard and pen (for Assistant 1)
Magazine and bubble-gum (for Assistant 2)
Spray bottle of water and a cloth (on or under the counter)

Cast: I've deliberately not used names so no child with the same name is embarrassed.
Two shop assistants (in uniforms like a polo shirt)
Assistant 1 is carrying a clipboard and pen
Assistant 2 has a fashion magazine and is chewing bubble-gum
The customer (dressed for bike riding and carrying bike helmet)

Assistant 2: *(Blowing bubbles and looking bored while thumbing through the magazine)*
You call that fashion? P-l-e-a-s-e.

A customer enters the shop. She is carrying her bike helmet. She approaches the Shop Assistant.

Customer: Good morning.

Assistant 2: *(Does not look up from magazine)* Yeah. Whatever.

Customer: I was wondering if you could help me.

Assistant 2: *(Still looking at magazine)* Hmmm?

Customer: I was told you have some new stock?

Assistant 2: Probably.

Customer: I'm looking for something for my bike...

Assistant 2: *(Sighs and finally looks at the customer)* Do I look like a computer?

Customer: Sorry?

Assistant 2: *(Loudly, like the customer is deaf)* Do-I-look-like-a-computer?
(Normal voice) There's a store computer for questions like that.
Go over to the computer, put in the name of whatever it is you want,
(high pitched child voice) and the little man will appear and show you which aisle it's in.
(Normal voice) You follow?

Customer: Oh yes. No problem. *(Customer leaves)*

Assistant 1 enters carrying the clipboard and pen. She stands next to Assist 2 and looks at the magazine.

Assistant 1: Hi. How are you?

Assistant 2: Driven mad by customers.
I've got better things to do than hold their hand.

Assistant 1: Can you believe the boss' daughter is in the store?

Assistant 2: *(Standing straight for the first time)* Really? The big boss do you mean?

Assistant 1: Yes. The boss who owns all of this. And all the other stores, too.

Assistant 2: *(Looking around)* Funny, I didn't see a limousine arrive.

Assistant 1: Oh you wouldn't have seen a limo.
The boss' daughter doesn't make a fuss.
She likes to ride her bike.

Assistant 2: *(Horrified)* Oh. A bike did you say?

Assistant 1: Yes. You'd never know to look at her she was connected to such a rich and powerful person.
Now, about the new catalogue...

Assistant 2: Um, just a second... *(Takes out bubble gum and sticks it to Assist 1's clipboard. Assist 1 pulls a face and leaves. Assist 2 frantically looks for the customer who now re-enters holding 3 boxes and her helmet. The assistant runs to help her)*
Oh, let me help you with that.

Customer: It's fine.

Assistant 2: No, really, I insist. *(Wrenches boxes from customer)*
And I can carry your helmet, too. *(Takes the helmet and puts it on her own head, crooked, so she can't see, and bumps into things)*
Is there anything else I can help you with?

Customer: No, that's all for today.

Assistant 2: Are you sure?
I could give you a guided tour of the store.
We really do have an impressive inventory.
It's because our **boss** is **so** smart.

Customer: That won't be necessary.
I'll pay for this now.

Assistant 2: Please walk this way. *(Bumps into counter)*
(Silly laugh) Oh, not that way, obviously. *(Places boxes on checkout counter and runs around to serve, still wearing helmet. Looks at the counter)*
Oh my, look at that speck of dust.
One moment please. *(Pulls out spray bottle and cloth and cleans down the counter, then polishes the bike helmet while it's still on her head)*
There, that's so much better.
Is that all today?

Customer: Yes thanks. *(Pays for purchases)*

Assistant 2: Are you sure?
(Leans down on counter, chin on hand, ready to listen intently)
You don't want to stay for a coffee and a chat?

Customer: *(Shakes head)*

Assistant 2: Would you like me to gift wrap the box? How about some ribbon?

Customer: It's fine as is, thanks anyway.

Assistant 2: Can I deliver it for you? You know, just drop by. Hang out for a while....

Customer: I've got it. Um... *(Pointing to Assistant's head at her helmet and assistant hands it over)*
Bye. *(Takes boxes and helmet and leaves)*

Assistant 2: Are you sure I can't help you with anything else? *(Leaves checkout and runs behind the customer)*
It's no trouble.
I live to serve!

Assistant 1: Are you felling okay?
You look pale.

Assistant 2: *(Turns to Shop Assistant 1)* You didn't tell me the boss' daughter was coming in today!
Why, oh why, didn't I recognise her?

Assistant 1: She's adopted.

Assistant 2: Adopted?

Assistant 1: Yeah, you know. She was born into a different family, but the boss became her Dad.

Assistant 2: Whew, now I don't feel so bad.

Assistant 1: What do you mean?

Assistant 2: Oh, nothing. It's just, you know. If she's adopted...**it's not like she's his real kid.**

Assistant 1: That's exactly what she is. He's adopted her. It's legal. Everything that's his belongs to her. His name, his millions, his houses...everything!

Assistant 2: *(Faints over the counter.)*

Assistant 1: I knew you didn't look well!

Ministry to the Children:

When the Shop Assistant found out who the customer's Dad was, she changed her behaviour didn't she? **Well, being a child of God changes everything for you!** When you become born again you become a child of God. You are God's kid. God adopts you into His family and Jesus becomes your brother! God, your heavenly Father, is now in charge of you and He cares about everything that happens to you. You can talk to Him anytime. He's never too busy. *(Altar Call)* Now you are God's child, there's some important and amazing things you need to know!

Suggested Visuals for PowerPoint or Flashcards:

Visual 1: Child lifting arms up to heaven

You are God's child. (John 1:12) He will not disown you. You don't have to be afraid of upsetting God and being kicked out of the family. (Romans 8:35-39) Even if you choose to leave Him, He will wait with open arms for you to come back to Him. (Luke 15:11-32) But you will love your heavenly Father so much, you'll want to do as He says. You'll want to please Him!

Visual 2: Child dressed as a boss

You have your Father's authority. You have your Dad's permission to tell others about Jesus. You have your Dad's authority to stand against Satan. (Luke 10:19) You have the power to give orders and make decisions using the name of Jesus, God's Word the Bible and the power of the Holy Spirit!

Visual 3: Child on Dad's knee

God is your Daddy. You don't have to use the formal word, 'Father God' if you don't want to, because the word the Bible uses to describe God the Father is 'Abba'. And that means 'Daddy'. (Romans 8:15) God is not a cross, far away Father. He is a loving Daddy who thinks you are the best kid ever!

Visual 4: Wall of family portraits

Even though we are adopted into God's family...there should be a family likeness. We should look like our Daddy! We need to have God's character and His attitude. The boss' daughter was polite and humble. She didn't come into her Dad's store demanding attention and wanting royal treatment. She was gracious and she was kind despite being treated badly. (Romans 8:29)

Visual 5: Gifts

Your Daddy God likes to give you presents. He will supply everything you need. (Philippians 4:19) But your heavenly Father won't always give you what you ask for. And He won't ever give you something that would hurt you. You will always be blessed because you are God's heir and a co-heir with Jesus. (Romans 8:17) That means you will have an inheritance. Jesus is in heaven right now, preparing a place for you. One day He will come back and take you there. (John 14:2-3)

Memory Verse: 1 John 3:1 (NIV)

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!
And that is what we are!

Ask each leader and volunteer in your Kid's Church to provide you with a photograph of them as a baby or little child. Put the photographs into a Power Point presentation. Show each photograph and ask a child if they can guess who it is. They must ask the volunteer and if they are correct, the volunteer will give them a card with a word or words of the Memory Verse on it. The child takes the card and walks to the front to hold it up. When all the photographs have been identified, all the words of the Memory Verse should be in order at the front. Say and learn the Memory Verse together.

Craft: Photo Frame

You'll find lots of ideas for photo frames on the internet. Made from cardboard, foam or paddlepop sticks, the frames can be decorated with buttons, paint, pom poms, shells or even old jigsaw puzzle pieces.