LESSON 1: I AM A CHILD OF GOD

Lesson 1: Primary 1: I am a Child Of God, I am a Child of God (2000), 1-3
To help each child understand that we are spirit children of Heavenly Father, who knows us and loves us.
OUR OPENING PRAYER WILL BE GIVEN
BY

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Attention Activity

Let’s sing “I Am a child of God”
1. I am a child of God,
And he has sent me here,
Has given me an earthly home
With parents kind and dear.
Lead me, guide me, walk beside me,
Help me find the way.
Teach me all that I must do
To live with him someday.

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Let’s play a game with this object.

As I toss it to you I’m going to say “I know a child of God named ______.”

Toss it back saying your name in place of mine.

And then we’ll move on to the next person.
Who is Heavenly Father?
Before we were born on earth we lived in heaven with Heavenly Father.

We were spirits there.

A spirit is what is inside of us that makes us alive.

When we were spirits, we didn’t have flesh and bones like our bodies have now, but we looked the same.
Heavenly Father is the father of our spirits, and we are his spirit children.

We don’t remember living with Heavenly Father before we came to earth, but we know we are his spirit children because we read it in the scriptures.
Let’s read Psalm 82:6

6 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.
“God” is another name for Heavenly Father.

Let’s sing “I am a Child of God” again.
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Heavenly Father loves each one of us very much because we are his children.

- He knows our names and all about us.
- He knows what makes us happy and what makes us sad.
- He knows what is best for each of us.
Let’s say the following verse.

Heavenly Father Knows Me

Heavenly Father knows me (point to self)
And what I like to do.
He knows my name and where I live (make a roof by touching fingers of both hands).
I know he loves me, too (cross arms and put hands on shoulders in hug).
Let’s say the following verse.

Heavenly Father Knows Me

- He knows what makes me happy (put fingers on smiling mouth).
- He knows what makes me sad (put fingers on down-turned mouth).
- I know he wants to help me (point to self),
- And that’s what makes me glad!
We want to invite one of you to stand and come to the front of the room.

Heavenly Father knows about you’re admirable characteristics.

These are some of the characteristics that are known about you.
When we do kind and loving things, we are being like Heavenly Father.
We can be like Heavenly Father

- What is a baby dog called?
- What will that puppy grow up to be?
- What is a baby chicken called?
- What will that chick grow up to be?
• Just as animals grow up to be like their parents, we will grow up to be like our parents.

• Heavenly Father is loving, good, and kind, and he wants to help us.

• When we are loving, good, and kind, we are being like Heavenly Father.

• We should try to become more like Heavenly Father every day.
Let’s hear a story about the baby Moses and how the Pharoh’s daughter saved him when he was a baby. (Exodus 2:1-10)
Moses grew to be one of Heavenly Father’s important helpers, a prophet.

Heavenly Father told Moses that Moses was his son (see Moses 1:4, 6) and that he had an important work for Moses to do.
6 And I have a work for thee, Moses, my son;
Now let’s have you come up front, one at a time and repeat this verse using your name instead of Moses.

6 And I have a work for thee, ________, my son;

6 And I have a work for thee, ________, my daughter;
Heavenly Father has important things for us to do while we live on the earth, such as being a mother or a father, a missionary, a teacher, a helper at church, or a helper in the community.

What important work might Heavenly Father want you to do?
Think about what you want to be when you grow up.

You could want to be a mother, or a father cradling a baby, a missionary tracting, or a teacher teaching a class.
Tell the children that they should always remember that they are spirit children of Heavenly Father and that he knows them and loves them.

You can become more like Heavenly Father and that they have important work to do on the earth.

You might share with them a personal experience that helped you to know that Heavenly Father knows you and loves you.
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One Israelite mother was afraid they would find her baby boy.

She hid him for three months.

Then the mother put her baby in a basket.

She put the basket in the tall grass by the river.

The baby’s sister, Miriam, stood by to watch the baby.
The pharaoh had a daughter.

She went to the river.

She saw the basket and opened it.

The baby began to cry.

The pharaoh’s daughter felt sorry for the baby.

She wanted to take him to her home.

She needed someone to take care of the baby.

She wanted to be his mother.
• Miriam went to the king’s daughter.
• Miriam said she would find an Israelite woman to take care of the baby.
• She ran and got her mother.
• Her mother came to take care of the baby.
• They took the baby to the pharaoh’s house.

• The pharaoh’s daughter named him Moses.

• Moses grew up in the pharaoh’s house.
4 And, behold, thou art my son; wherefore look, and I will show thee the workmanship of mine hands; but not all, for my works are without end, and

6 And I have a work for thee, Moses, my son; and thou art in the similitude of mine Only Begotten; and mine Only Begotten is and shall be the Savior, for he is full of grace and truth; but there is no God beside me, and all things are present with me, for I know them all. also my words, for they never cease.