



Week 3: God's Kid

Big Idea: Jesus is God's kid whom he loves.

Key Verse: For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs. | Zephaniah 3:17, NLT

Supplies: Bibles

HANGOUT

1. DISCUSS:
 - a. Is there anyone in your family whom you act like or look like?
 - b. How do people know that you "belong" in your family?

HEAR

2. Look up and read Luke 3:21-22. DISCUSS:
 - a. Why do you think Jesus was baptized?
 - b. There were loads of people there! What do you think they experienced? [It was like the ultimate special effect before special effects existed.] How do you think they felt? What questions would you have if you saw it happen?
3. Re-read what the voice from heaven said in verse 22. DISCUSS:
 - a. Jesus didn't "earn" that statement for anything he did—**Jesus is God's kid whom he loves!** What's the best thing a parent has ever said to you—something that you didn't "earn"? What has someone said to you that made you feel awesome?
 - b. What do you think God thinks about you?
4. Look up and read Zephaniah 3:17. SAY: God doesn't "rejoice over you" because of anything you have done, but because *you are you and he loves you!* What is your initial reaction to that?

HUDDLE

5. SAY: No matter what you have done or ever do, God loves you as his kid—with the love of a perfect parent. However, that doesn't mean he wants you to stack up sin between you and him! DISCUSS:
 - a. Think about the feeling you had when someone said the thing that made you feel awesome. If you wanted to bring others into that feeling, what would you do?
 - b. Think of someone from school who would experience total life change if they felt that awesome feeling.
6. Look up and read the story of Zacchaeus in Luke 19:1-10. DISCUSS: What shift occurs in the life of Zacchaeus? How did it change how he treated others? How do you think it changed how he viewed himself?
7. Pray together for people like Zacchaeus whom you know—and for how this passage affects everyone. Share together things you'd like prayer for.