

I Am a Child Of God

Child 1: Who am I? That is one of life's greatest questions. I know who I am. I am a child of God. When we come to truly understand the words "I am a child of God," our testimonies grow.

Child 2: **In Psalms 82:6 it is written, "All of you are children of the most High."**

Class: "Some say I have my mother's eyes. My smile comes from my dad.
My freckles come from Grandpa, And all this makes me glad.
I share the curls in my hair With uncles whom I love.
But the truth of who I really am comes from up above.
A child of God is who I am, A child of royal birth.
My Father up in heaven sent me here to earth.
As I take this journey and try valiantly each day,
I know He watches over me and listens when I pray.
So if the path gets thorny and the way feels not so clear,
I remember who I really am and that takes away each fear."
(Cindy Maybon, "Who I Really Am," Friend, Feb 2008, 7)

Child 3: I lived with Heavenly Father as a spirit child in the premortal world.

Child 4: I am created in His image.

Child 5: Heavenly Father presented His plan - the plan of salvation. I learned of and accepted Heavenly Father's plan. As part of the plan, Jesus created this world for all of God's children.

Child 6: I came to a family and received a body. Earth life is a time for learning, choosing, and preparing for eternal life. I will be resurrected. Because of Jesus Christ's Atonement, if I live righteously I will be able to live with Heavenly Father again.

Class: **In the Proclamation to the Family we read: "All human beings - male and female- are created in the image of God. Each is a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents, and, as such, each has a divine nature and destiny."**

Song: **I Am a Child of God (verse 1?) (CS, 2)**

Child 7: My earthly parents are teaching me to follow the example of Christ and to keep His commandments. The scriptures help me understand how important I am to Him and how to return to live with Him someday.

Class: **For my soul delighteth in the scriptures, and my heart pondereth them, and writeth them for the learning and the profit of my children. (2 Nephi 4:15)**

Child 8: The prophets foretold Jesus Christ would come to the earth. The prophecies were fulfilled. Jesus Christ was born. He established his

Church on the earth. I love reading the stories about Jesus Christ which are found in the scriptures.

Child 9: Story: Boy Jesus teaches in the temple

When Jesus was 12, He went with Joseph and Mary in a group of people to a celebration in Jerusalem. They were there for several days. When Joseph and Mary left for home, they thought that Jesus was walking back to Nazareth with His friends. But Jesus had stayed in Jerusalem. When Joseph and Mary looked for Jesus, they couldn't find Him. So Joseph and Mary went back to Jerusalem. They looked for Jesus for three days. They were very sad. At last they found Jesus in the temple, talking with some teachers. He was answering their questions. The teachers were surprised at how much Jesus knew. Mary told Jesus that she and Joseph had been worried about Him. Jesus replied that He was doing His Father's work—God's work. Joseph and Mary did not understand.

Child 10: Story: Jesus Feeds the 5,000 People

Some friends of John the Baptist told Jesus that John had been killed by the king. When Jesus heard this, He went to a place near the Sea of Galilee to be alone. Many people knew where He was. More than 5,000 people followed Him there hoping that He would teach them. Jesus taught them many things. It was time to eat, but most of the people did not have any food. His disciples wanted Jesus to send the people to the nearest villages to buy food. Jesus told the disciples to see if anyone had brought food. They found a boy who had five loaves of bread and two small fish. Jesus told all the people to sit down. He blessed the bread and the fish and broke the food into pieces. The disciples gave the food to the people. There was more than enough for everyone.

Song: Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (CS, 57)

Child 11: The Bible and the Book of Mormon testify of Jesus Christ. These stories teach me how to live the gospel. They teach us what we must do to stand in His presence. Remembering He is always near helps me make good choices.

Child 12: Jesus Christ has restored His gospel through the Prophet Joseph Smith. We belong to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It is the Lord's church. I am learning to love my Savoir and His restored gospel.

All children: "And we talk of Christ, we rejoice in Christ, we preach of Christ, we prophesy of Christ, and we write according to our prophecies." (2Nephi 25:26)

Song: If the Savior Stood Beside Me

Class: **And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. (1 John 4:14)**

Child 13: Jesus Christ is my Savior and the Savior of all mankind.

Child 14: Because of His Atonement, I can repent and live with Heavenly Father again.

Child 15: Jesus Christ showed me how to do the will of Heavenly Father. He lives today. He will come again and reign during the Millennium.

Child 16: Until the Savior comes again, I will follow the prophet who tells me what the Lord would have me do.

Child 17: Our Prophet on the earth today is:

(All children) Thomas S. Monson.

Child 18: He teaches me to read the Book of Mormon.

Child 19: He teaches me to pray about what I have read.

Child 20: The prophet holds all priesthood keys and leads the Church as directed by the Lord.

Child 21: He teaches me that I should love and forgive others.

Child 22: The Prophet teaches me what I must do to live with God again.

Class: **Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. (Amos 3:7)**

Song: We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet (Hymns 19) (Children & Congregation?)

Child 23: The Prophet isn't the only one who teaches me about my Heavenly Father.

Child 24: God gave me a family to love me and teach me.

Child 25: The family is an important part of God's plan.

Child 26: Each member of my family has a divine role.

Child 27: As a child my role is _____.

May add a couple of other children here.

Child 28: Scripture study can strengthen my family.

Child 29: Family prayer can strengthen my family.

Child 30: Family Home Evening can strengthen my family. (child to tell about a favorite FHE)

Child 31: The priesthood blesses and strengthens my family. (child tell about a time when a blessing helped her/his family)

CTR 6's: *The family is central to the Creator's plan for the eternal destiny of His children (Proclamation paragraph 1).*

Song: *Home (CS, 192)*

Child 40: The temple is a place of learning.

Child 41: As families we are sealed forever in the temple.

Child 42: Someday I will go to the _____ temple.

May add a couple of other children here.

Child 43: Looking at pictures of the temple in my home makes me try harder to choose the right.

Class: *And verily I say unto you, let this house be built unto my name, that I may reveal ordinances therein unto my people. (D&C 124:40)*

Child 44: I will live now to be worthy to go to the temple.

Child 45: I will live now to be worthy to do my part to have an eternal family.

Child 46: My tithing helps to build temples.

Child 47: I will do family history work so my ancestors can receive temple blessings.

Child 48: I will be reverent.

Child 49: I will dress modestly.

Child 50: I will speak kindly.

Child 51: These are things to help me be worthy to enter the temple.

Song: *I Love to See the Temple (CS, 95)*

Child 52: I have been baptized. Everything I do now is helping me prepare to go to the temple before I go on my mission. I want to share the gospel with others. I want to be a missionary just like my (dad, mom, brother, sister, grandparent) was/were. In the Doctrine and Covenants we read:

CTR 5's: *"And if it so be that you should ... bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy"*

Child 53: I will prepare to be a missionary by praying and reading the scriptures daily.

Child 54: I will prepare to be a missionary by being faithful and obedient.

Child 55: Living the gospel standards helps me be a missionary now. (Share some of the Gospel Standards)

I will only read and watch things that are pleasing to Heavenly Father.

I will only listen to music that is pleasing to Heavenly Father.

I will seek good friends and treat others kindly.

CTR 8 Child: I want to serve a mission. First I need to prepare myself. **I will show my faith in Jesus Christ by being baptized and confirmed.**

Class: *“And their children shall be baptized for the remission of their sins when eight years old, and receive the laying on of the hands” (D&C 68:27)*

Song: *Called to Serve (CS, 174-175) Children sing the verse, All returned missionaries join the children to sing chorus*

CTR 8 Child: (Child that is only 7) After I am baptized I will receive the Holy Ghost.

CTR 8 Child: The Holy Ghost prompts me to repent and live righteously.

CTR 8 Child: After baptism I received the gift of the Holy Ghost to help me make choices that will lead me back to Heavenly Father and Jesus.

CTR 8 Child: When I take the sacrament, I renew my baptismal covenants.

CTR 8 Child: Heavenly Father forgives all who truly repent.

Song: *When Jesus Christ Was Baptized (CS, 102)*

Child 62: I am a child of God. My Heavenly Father is never far away. I can pray to Him and He listens. Heavenly Father knows me. He will answer my prayers in ways that are best for me. Answers to my prayers come from Heavenly Father through the Holy Ghost, the scriptures and others.

Child 63: **Because I am His child, I will serve God with all my heart, might, mind, and strength.**

Class: *“Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day” (D&C 4:2)*

Child 64: *I will serve God* by doing things on the Sabbath that will help me feel close to Heavenly Father and Jesus. I can serve Heavenly Father by serving others.

Child 65: The prophets and apostles teach me how to serve. Because others serve me, I too want to serve.

Child 66: **I am thankful to know that we are all children of God.**

Sunbeams: *“Thou shalt thank the Lord thy God in all things” (D&C 59:7)*

Child 67: *I am thankful that I know I am a child of God.*

Child 68: *We are all different. Heavenly Father blessed us with different personalities and different talents or gifts. We are all special.*

Child 69: *We, the Primary children, love the teachings of Jesus.*

Child 70: *We want to be good examples of those who chose to follow Jesus Christ.*

Child 71: *We want to keep the commandments.*

Child 72: *We want to share His gospel with others.*

Child 73: *We know we are children of God.*

Child 74: *We want to return to live with Him someday.*

Child 75: *I have a testimony that the gospel is true.*

Child 76: *I can stand as a witness by ... (share some ways you feel you can stand as a witness)*

All children: *I am A Child of God and so are you.*

Bishop: A member of the bishopric or branch presidency should conclude the meeting with brief remarks confirming the principles taught in the presentation. (See *Church Handbook of Instructions, Book 2: Priesthood and Auxiliary Leaders* [1998], 237.)

Song: *I Am A Child of God (all 4 verses) (CS, 2) Children & Congregation*

Prayer