

# I Am A Child of God

Children walk quietly to their seats while humming quietly "I am a Child of God."

**~~Introduction by Primary Pres. on what we have learned throughout the year.~~**

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**This year our Primary has been focusing on how we, as children of God, are special to our Heavenly Father. Each of us has a unique spirit which sets us apart from everyone else. Our scripture for the year comes from "The Family: A Proclamation to the World." It reads, All human beings—male and female—are created in the image of God. Each is a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents." (Bear testimony)**

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## "I Am a Child of God" (verse 1)

### CTR 4

**Who am I? That is one of life's greatest questions. I know who I am. I am a child of God. Romans chapter 8, verse 16 reads, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." We know that Heavenly Father loves us, ~~and that~~ He has a plan for us so ~~that~~ we can be happy and return to live with Him someday.**

\_\_\_\_\_ God is my Heavenly Father. He knows and loves me. This makes me feel \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Heavenly Father wants us to be happy. He told us about His plan to send us to earth and receive a body.

\_\_\_\_\_ When we heard about Heavenly Father's plan, we were so happy that we shouted for joy! If I make good choices on earth I can live with Him again.

\_\_\_\_\_ A good choice I have made was \_\_\_\_\_. A blessing I received from it was \_\_\_\_\_.

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**As spirit sons and daughters, we needed a place to come to, to learn and to grow. Because we are children of God, the earth was created for us. Abraham 3:24-25 says, "We will make an earth whereon these may dwell; and we will prove them herewith, to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them."**

\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus created the earth under the direction of Heavenly Father.  
My favorite creation Jesus made is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adam and Eve were part of the creation. They were the first people to come to earth and receive bodies. They were given agency to choose right from wrong.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adam and Eve were placed in a garden called Eden, but **because** they ate of the forbidden fruit, ~~they and~~ had to leave the garden. This is called the Fall.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Fall was necessary because it made it possible for everyone else in the Spirit world, including you and me, to come to earth.

\_\_\_\_\_ One of the reasons we were sent to earth was to gain a body and be tested to see if we will use our bodies to obey Heavenly Father's teachings.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am learning to overcome my trials by \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ If I can keep the commandments, I can live with Heavenly Father again. I think we will feel \_\_\_\_\_ when we are able to return Him because \_\_\_\_\_.



**"My Heavenly Father Loves Me"**

**CTR 5**

**Now that we were able to come to earth and gain bodies, we needed a Savior. Someone who would show us how we should live. Someone who would take upon Himself the sins of the world, ~~giving each of us, as and~~ give each of God's children, the gift of repentance and forgiveness. Jesus Christ is our Savior.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ taught the gospel and set an example for us. One of my favorite stories of Jesus teaching the gospel is \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Christ's atonement is a gift that has been given to us so we might repent and live with God again. We cannot enjoy the blessings of this gift if we do not choose to receive it.

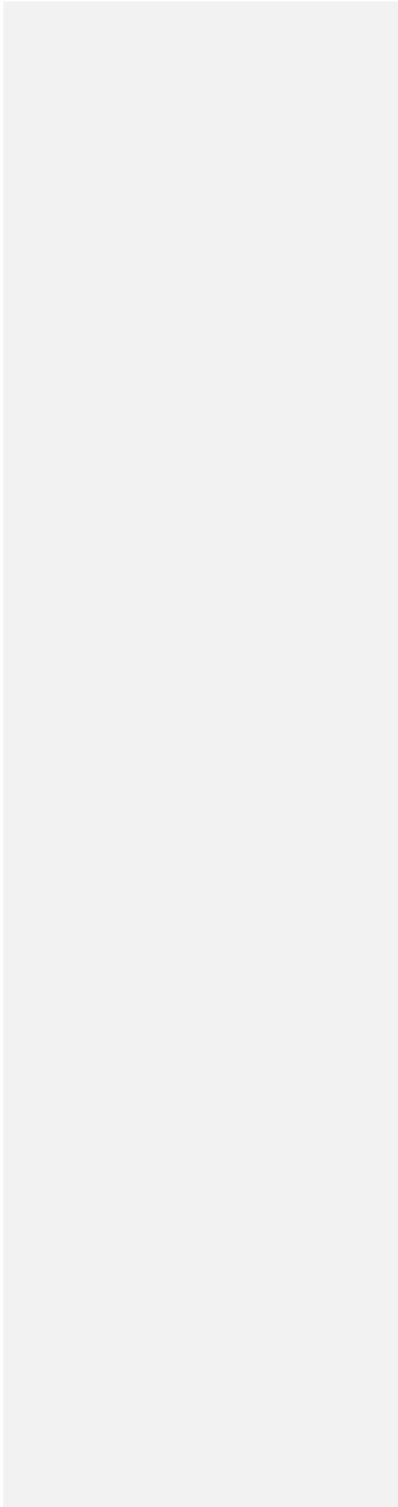
\_\_\_\_\_ Three days after Jesus died on the cross for us; His body and spirit were reunited. I am thankful Jesus was resurrected because I know I will be too.

\_\_\_\_\_ "Hearken ye to these words. Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world" (Doctrine & Covenants 43:34)

\_\_\_\_\_ Because I am a child of God, I am trying to be more like Jesus and live each day as if the Savior was standing beside me.



**"If the Savior Stood Beside Me"**



## Valiant 10/11 Boys

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After Christ ascended to heaven, his apostles ~~took over~~ ~~teaching~~ continued to teach the gospel. However, many people would not listen to them and eventually all the apostles died. Because we are children of God, He knew that we would need the fullness of the gospel in order to return to live with Him. "I have sent forth the fullness of my gospel by the hand of my servant Joseph." (Doctrine & Covenants 35:17)

When the apostles died, important truths about the gospel were not taught anymore. Some gospel truths that were lost ~~were~~ concerning baptism, the priesthood, temples, a living prophet, and the sacrament.

Through Joseph Smith, all of the truths that were once lost have now been restored to the earth and to Christ's true church. (Briefly explain the First Vision.) The First Vision is important because it ~~began~~ ushered in the restoration.

The Priesthood is one of the truths that has been restored in these latter days. The Priesthood is the power and authority to act in the name of God. John the Baptist, and Christ's apostles, Peter, James and John came as heavenly messengers to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery, laid ~~their~~ hands upon ~~them~~ their heads, and restored the Aaronic and Melchizedek Priesthood. As a child of God I am preparing to receive the Aaronic Priesthood by \_\_\_\_\_.

Because we are children of God, Heavenly Father has blessed ~~us to~~ have with the records of people before our time. The scriptures are one way that Heavenly Father talks to His children. Joseph Smith translated the records of ~~the a~~ people in the Americas, ~~and they~~ are The translation is known as the Book of Mormon.



## "The Priesthood is Restored"

## Sunbeams

Another gospel truth that was restored for ~~us as children of God~~**God's children** was ~~to have~~**having** a living prophet to lead us and guide us. Each prophet's voice is like the voice of the Lord. They give us specific counsel and commandments that will help us throughout our lives. This counsel will not only help us return to live with our Heavenly Father again, but it will also help us to choose the right and be happy. "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7)

\_\_\_\_\_ President Thomas S. Monson is the living prophet today.

\_\_\_\_\_ He leads our church under the direction of Jesus Christ.

\_\_\_\_\_ I follow the prophet which means I also follow Heavenly Father.

\_\_\_\_\_ Heavenly Father has given us so many blessings.

\_\_\_\_\_ Through the prophet, I learn about paying tithing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tithing money is used for \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Through the prophet, I learn about the Word of Wisdom.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Word of Wisdom helps us know what to do and what not to do  
~~to~~**so we can** have a healthy body.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am thankful we have a prophet who tells me what Heavenly  
Father would want me to do.

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## "We Thank Thee, O God, For a Prophet"

(Congregational Hymn)

## CTR 7

**Part of Heavenly Father's plan for His children is to be baptized and confirmed members of His church. When Jesus Christ was on the earth, he lived a perfect life without sin. He chose to be baptized, not because he needed to, but to give us an example and to follow Heavenly Father's commandment. "Come unto me, and be baptized in my name, that ye may receive a remission of your sins, and be filled with the Holy Ghost" (3 Nephi 30:2)**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will follow Jesus Christ by being baptized and confirmed. When we are baptized, we make a covenant or a two way promise with Heavenly Father.

\_\_\_\_\_ When we are confirmed, we receive the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is a still small voice that helps us by comforting us, teaching us, and telling us what to do and what not to do.

\_\_\_\_\_ There are many distractions in the world that can make it hard for us to hear the Holy Ghost. But I know if I live worthily, the Holy Ghost will help me choose the right.

\_\_\_\_\_ Each week when I take the sacrament, I renew my baptismal covenants to take upon me the name of Jesus Christ (put hand on heart), always remember him (point to forehead), keep his commandments (make a book with hands), and always have His spirit to be with me (wrap arms around ~~you~~self).

\_\_\_\_\_ Sometimes we forget to always choose the right. However, Heavenly Father will forgive us of all we do wrong if we repent. Satan doesn't want us to think we can be forgiven, but we can no matter what.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Give a summary of the Prodigal Son.) Just like the father in the story, Heavenly Father loves us and wants us to return to Him because we are His children.

**Comment [d1m1]:** If the CTR 7s haven't been baptized yet, I would change this slightly. Either change the "I" to "we", or start with "After I am baptized ..."

**Comment [d1m2]:** I would take at the "all" and "no matter what". Doctrinally these aren't correct. I understand what you are saying, but I would find a slightly different way to say it.



## “When I am Baptized”

### Valiant 8

**Heavenly Father has told the world, through the Prophet, that when sealed in a temple of the Lord, a family unit has the potential to be eternal—to endure beyond mortal life. Having a family is part of Heavenly Father’s plan for us. “The family is ordained of God” (“The Family: A Proclamation to the World, paragraph 7).**

\_\_\_\_\_ Heavenly Father planned for me to come to a family. Each of our families is different and special in their own way. One thing I like to do with my family is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ My family is special because \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Having family prayer, family scripture study, and family home evening can strengthen my family.

\_\_\_\_\_ My favorite family home evening that I can remember is \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ One of the greatest blessings a family can have is having a worthy priesthood holder in the home.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have been blessed by the priesthood when \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ My family has been blessed by the priesthood when \_\_\_\_\_.

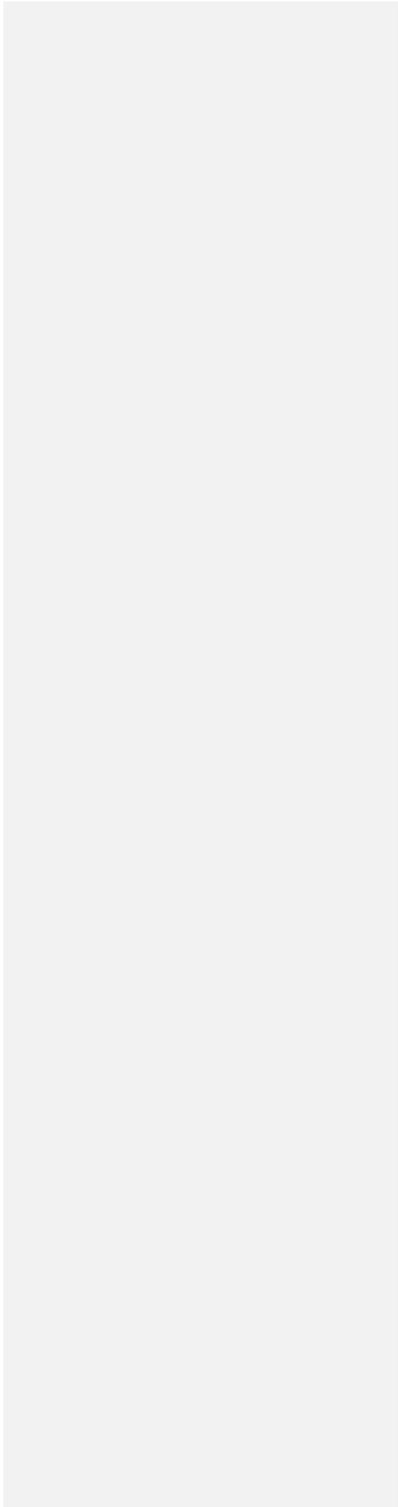
\_\_\_\_\_ When I am old enough, Heavenly Father wants me to marry in the temple and have an eternal family. Only marriage in the temple can give us an eternal family.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am preparing to go to the temple by \_\_\_\_\_.

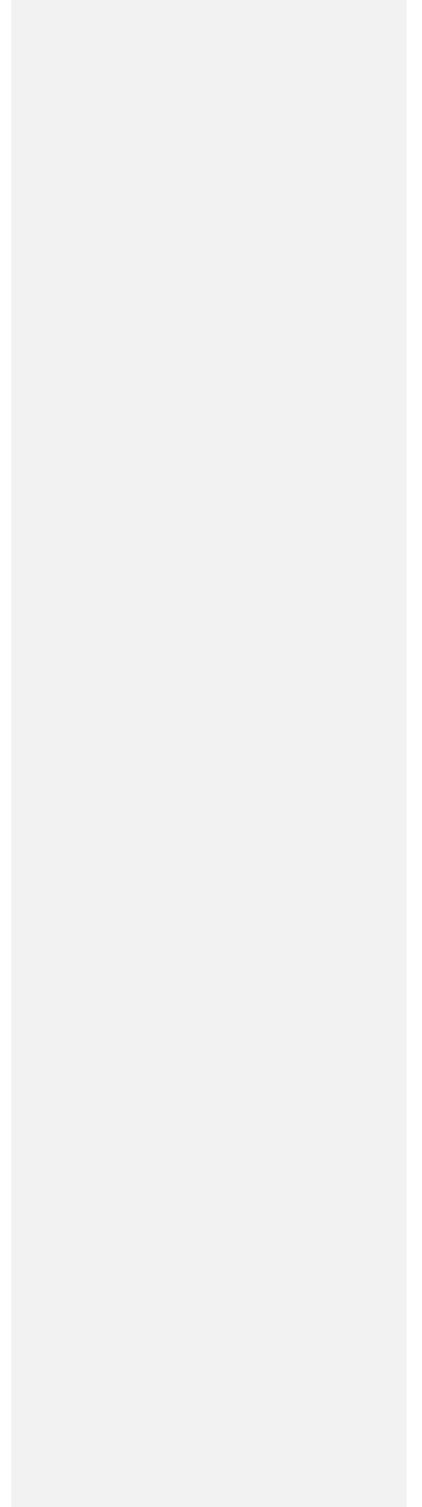
\_\_\_\_\_ (Child’s talk)



## “Families Can Be Together Forever”



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**CTR 6**

**As a-childchildren of God, Heavenly Father will always be there for us. Whenever we are in need of Him we can go to Him in prayer. Doctrine & Covenants section 112, verse 10 reads, “Be thou humble and the Lord thy God shall lead thee by the hand, and give thee answer to thy prayers.” Heavenly Father hears and answers our prayers.**

\_\_\_\_\_ From the scriptures we learn that the Lord wants us to pray to Him always and about anything. He loves to hear from us. My favorite scripture story about prayer is \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ The scriptures also teach us that we can pray anywhere. We can pray in our rooms, in the car, at school, at work, when we are with someone, or just by ourselves.

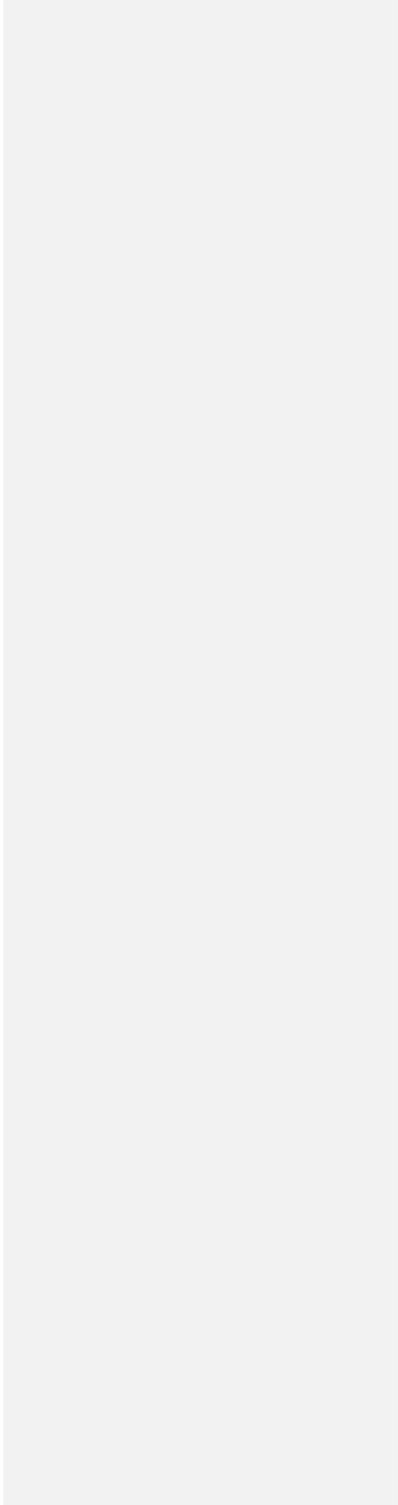
\_\_\_\_\_ (Share an experience where Heavenly Father has answered your prayers. {3-5 sentences} \*Try to memorize!)

\_\_\_\_\_ Heavenly Father knows me. He will answer my prayers in ways that are best for me. Answers to my prayers will come through the Holy Ghost, the scriptures, thoughts, ~~and~~ feelings, and even other people.

\_\_\_\_\_ Because Heavenly Father answers my prayers I know that I am a child of God.



**“A Child’s Prayer”**



## Valiant 10/11 Girls

**President Gordon B. Hinckley said in a 2003 General Conference, “Never forget, my dear young friends that you really are a child of God who has inherited something of His divine nature, one whom He loves and desires to help and bless.”**

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[Read poem “I Am a Child of Royal Birth” stop after 3<sup>rd</sup> stanza]

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While we are on this earth, the most important thing for us to know and remember is that we are children of God. He is there for us.

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When we truly understand how much He loves us, we want everyone to feel the same joy we have. As we share the gospel and our Heavenly Father’s plan for us, our own testimonies grow.

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[Share why it is important to you to know that you are a child of God. {3-5 sentences} \*Try to memorize!]

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[Read the last stanza in the poem.]

**Primary children and their teachers stand and say their names (in order of reading). After all have stood, together the Primary says, “I am a child of God.”**

**Bishop’s remarks**



**“I Am a Child of God”**

## **I Am a Child of Royal Birth**

I am a child of royal birth.  
My Father is Kin of heaven and earth.  
My spirit was born in the courts on high;  
A child beloved, a princess am I.

I grew to the stature that that spirits grow;  
I gained the knowledge I needed to know.  
I was taught the truth and I knew the plan;  
That God and the Christ laid out for man.  
I was there when the starts of morning sang;  
I mingled my voice when the heavens rang.  
I was there to rejoice, to praise, and applaud;  
The shouts of joy from the sons of God.

I waited my turn and I came to earth;  
The wonderful channel of human birth.  
Then the curtain was closed and the past was gone;  
On the future too, the curtain was drawn.  
I lived on the earth, as God willed it so;  
With freedom to choose the way I should go.  
I will search for the truth; I will serve and obey;  
I will walk by my faith or fall by the way.

Someday I'll go back; I will answer the call;  
I'll return with my record to the Father of all.  
There will be rejoicing if I've done my part well.  
As a child of God,  
He'll welcome me back to the mansions above.  
The curtains will part and eternity  
In its wonder and glory will open to me.

~Anonymous