

True Vine's Virtual VBS 2020 Grades 7-8

June 8, 2020

Week 2 At Sea: Adopted into God's Family, Ephesians 1:5

• Deck Plan- Ephesians 1:1-10

• Key Card- God wants everyone to be a part of His family. Have you accepted God's invitation to be His son or daughter? If not, what questions do you have? If so, how would you encourage someone else to become a part of God's family?

• Main Seating- Dear Lord, thank You for Your plan to make us a part of Your family! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

• Bridge/Docking- 1. What spiritual blessings have we been given?

2. How does it make you feel to know that God predestined and chose you to be a part of His family?

3. What is unity and why is it very important to God? Only Family

When you become a part of God's family you experience a new spiritual birth through your faith and belief in Jesus Christ. This spiritual birth is our being adopted as sons and daughters, which is according to God's good will and pleasure. Paul explains in verses 6-8 that it is because of God's glorious grace that we are adopted, and this grace is cause for praise. Grace is not something that we can earn; it is a gift from God. He generously gives believers the riches of His grace through His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. The death of Jesus Christ was the price paid to free sinners from the bondage of sin. We are forgiven because of the shedding of Jesus' blood. God's grace is voluntary. We cannot earn salvation, nor do we deserve it. There is no religious, intellectual, or moral effort that can gain it, because it comes only from God's mercy and love. No person can be saved without God's grace. There is only one way to receive this loving favor, and that is through faith in Jesus Christ.

