

True Vine's Virtual VBS 2020 Grades 9-12

June 8, 2020

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

- Deck Plan- Ephesians 1:1-10
- Key Card- Reflect on something that you have created during your lifetime- artwork, a song, a dance, or poetry. You probably invested most of your time planning your creation because it was important to you. As God's special creation, you are truly important to Him.
- Main Seating- God, thank You for creating us on purpose. Help us to remember that You are a caring and careful Creator. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.
- Bridge/Docking- According to the book of Ephesians, some of the benefits of having a relationship with God are (1) being blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ; (2) being chosen in God before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in God's sight; (3) being predestined for spiritual adoption as God's children; and (4) being redeemed and forgiven through God's grace. God gives us all kinds of blessings- both spiritual and natural- including the joy of knowing Him, forgiveness, joy, peace, health, stability, possessions, and opportunities. The benefits associated with being in relationship with God are numerous, and they showcase God's love toward us. These benefits, however, come with a cost.

For many centuries, Paul's words have continued to encourage and comfort Christians and remind them that God passionately pursues relationship with them. God did not reject us because we fell short of His holiness; instead, He gave us a Savior to make a way for us be part of His family!

- 1. How would you describe the members of your biological and spiritual families?
- 2. What differences do you notice?
- 3. What things do they have in common?

