

Family Devotional

Think about this: Have you ever been in a situation where you felt like a foreigner? Maybe you have visited a different country, state, or city and they did things differently. Maybe they spoke a different language, wore different types of clothes, or ate different types of food. Think of a time your family has felt like the foreigner amongst a group. This may have even been here in Tulsa visiting another church, school, or part of town. As a family, make a list of things you noticed about the culture you were visiting. Encourage children to think very specifically, but relate to them all though these things are different, it does not necessarily make them weird or wrong.

Read: Psalm 137:4

Throughout the Bible we read that God's people, the Israelites, often found themselves in a land that was not their home. They probably could have made a list similar to yours. Often when God calls us out of our comfort zone, He is better able to get our attention. Why do you think this is?

The truth is, we are all foreigners. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and savior we are adopted into God's family and become citizens of His kingdom.

Read: Ephesians [2:19](#)

But until He calls us home to live in His kingdom forever, He has sent us out into this land to be His ambassadors.

Read: 2 Corinthians [5:20](#)

Who knows what an ambassador is?

An ambassador is a diplomatic official of the highest rank, sent by one sovereign or state to another as its resident representative. Ambassadors are given important messages from their king or leaders to share with those in the land they are living. We are God's ambassadors. He lives in Heaven and places His ambassadors all around the world to represent Him and help others know how they can be reconciled, and brought near to Him.

As Christ's ambassadors we have been given a higher calling to faithfully share the Good News with others. What is that message?

As His ambassadors we have an important job in God's Kingdom. He has given us the position to be His representative on this earth to point people to Him. Name an area God has placed you as His ambassador (playground, home, school, sports, etc.). Think of a way (or lots of ways) you can point to Jesus this week as you go about your normal routine. Keep your eyes, ears, and hearts open for God to show you who needs to hear the Good News He has given you to share!

Remember: Work together as a family to memorize/meditate on 2 Corinthians [5:20a](#) this week.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us.

Ideas: Write this passage down and hang it on the refrigerator. Say it together as a family during meal time each day. Write it on a chalk or white board and erase a couple of words each day until you can say it by memory.

Respond: "Dear Jesus, thank you for adopting us into your family. Help us be faithful ambassadors where you have placed us and share your Good News with others
.....Amen!"