



**PRINCE  
OF PEACE**  
Called to Connect

**STUDENT  
MINISTRY**

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE [HS]

## CHILD [NOV. 9]

**SCRIPTURE** | Jonah 1 - 4

### BOTTOM LINE

We are all children of God.

### MEMORY VERSE

I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. Jonah 4:2

### LIFE APP

Look through Jesus' eyes to see each other more clearly.



- Tonight the kids will be challenged to see each other through Jesus' eyes. When we do that we will see each other as children of God.
- The kids will be challenged to maintain a simple spiritual practice of covering their eyes and then saying "God, help me see X as your child."

### MY GOAL FOR THE NIGHT |



Jonah was called by God to preach a message of forgiveness to His children in Nineveh. The trouble was that Jonah hated these people and he was angry because he knew that God would forgive them. The truth is that God calls us to serve and love a lot of people we don't like. Yet, God calls us to see everyone—including ourselves—as His children. That is easier said than done, so we need some help. When our vision gets blurry, we can turn to Jesus as our "corrective lens" to look through to get a clearer picture of people. When we do that, enemies and people far from us become brothers, and the family of God grows bigger and more connected.

### JUST FOR FUN

- See "Just For Fun" page for activities.



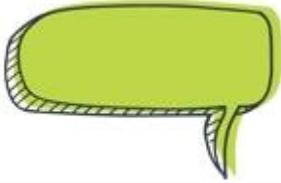
**"Like Jonah, God calls you to love your neighbor even when you don't like them. What broken relationships do you sense God leading you to these days?"**

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- We see the "good" in many people that others don't. Who is a person you care about deeply that others judge or don't care about in the way that you do?
- On the other hand, there are many people that we don't see as brothers or sisters. Who are your Ninevites? How does it make you feel that God sees them as His children?
- What are the factors that make our vision of other people blurry to begin with? Why do you think we have to constantly check our vision?
- When we don't want to "go" to those places, we often do what Jonah did—we bail. How do you usually do that? Do you think people do the same when God sends them to you?
- The Ninevites began a new life with God after Jonah visited them. Have you or has someone you know had that experience? Can you think of people who need to have a relationship with God that no one is reaching out to?
- This election season has done a lot to blur our vision of one another, as the election passes, what are the ways that we can see and treat each other like children of God?
- Do you think that Christians do good job of seeing people as family? Why or why not? Who do you think does the best job of this? How can we do better?



When we are baptized, the pastor makes the sign of the cross on our foreheads and says these words: You are a child of God, marked with the cross of Christ, and sealed by the Holy Spirit forever. That means that no matter what labels people put on you or how they see you, God, the one who put breath in your lungs, sees you as His child. On your phone, find a picture of yourself and add a filter of your choice. If you want, you can then add the text “child” somewhere on the picture to remind you of you are.



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