

**Only Jesus!**  
**Adoption**  
**W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2024**

Many adopted children, when older, go to great lengths to try and discover their biological parents. Having a sense of identity and belonging is so important. As Christians we are adopted, it's the only way in which we become part of God's family. However, our adoption is more than just becoming children of God, we also become heirs, inheritors of all the rights, privileges and blessings of the one to whom we belong.

**Welcome:** Do you know anyone who has been adopted? Do you know what it means to them to be adopted?

**Worship:** Spend some time in worship. Plan an act of worship that is appropriate to your group.

**Word:** Looking at God's word together:

**Galatians 3:26-4:7**

1. From the passage, what do you understand to be the purpose of the Mosaic law (This was supremely the 10 commandments, but also included the other laws detailed in the first 5 books of the Old Testament)?
2. Why don't we need the supervision of the law once we put our trust in Christ?
3. What happened when we were baptised into Christ?
4. What happens to our status once we are 'in Christ'? What does this tell us about how we are to view one another in our churches?
5. What contrasts do you see between being 'under the law' and being a child of God?
6. What is so significant about the Spirit enabling us to call God 'Abba, Father'?
7. What rights and privileges do we have in being adopted by God?

**Witness:** How would you explain the terms 'Justification', 'Redemption' & 'Adoption' to those outside of the church?

**Prayer:**

- Pray that God will continue to build his holy character in your life.
- For the witness of the church.
- For those on the mission field
- For those attending the current Alpha Course.
- For the quiz night (16<sup>th</sup> Nov)
- For Breakfast at Bethlehem
- For the Christmas Services