

# Marking Ministry Milestones

*Cadets Gems Sunday School  
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Baptism Communion  
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Ascension Pentecost  
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# Milestones

## *Baptism*

*“Growing up, but staying  
children of God”*

## *Scripture Passages*

*John 1:9-13, Romans 8:14-17,  
9:8, Galatians 3:26-28,  
Philippians 3:14-16, 1 John 3:1,2*



# Milestones

*What phrase do the following passages share?*

*John 1:9-13, Romans 8:14-17,  
9:8, Galatians 3:26-28,  
Philippians 3:14-16, 1 John  
3:1,2*



# Children of God

## *1 John 3:1*

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!



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## *Galatians 3*

***The faith factor*** <sup>26</sup> So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,

## ***Powerful preposition***

<sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.



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## *Underlining unity*

<sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.



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## *The long lineage*

<sup>29</sup> If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

## *Backed by Romans 9*

<sup>8</sup> In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring.



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## *How it happened*

### *John 1*

<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.





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***Important to own*** <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

## ***Receivers' rights***

<sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—



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## *Supernatural children*

<sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

## *How that happens: Romans 8*

<sup>14</sup> For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.



# Children of God

***Freedom from fear, the bond of belonging***

<sup>15</sup> The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship

***Dynamite Dad***

And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."



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## *How we know*

<sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

## *What we get*

<sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.



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## *How we act: Philippians 4*

<sup>14</sup> Do everything without grumbling or arguing,

## *Why we act that way*

<sup>15</sup> so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation."



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## *How that works*

continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

## *The result*

Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky <sup>16</sup> as you hold firmly to the word of life.

