

## Worship at Home July 11<sup>th</sup> 2021

### Chosen by God. Ephesians 1:3-14

**Introduction: Preparation:** Find each person's baptismal certificate, and/or their candle from your family. If you have some photos collect those as well.

*Message: I bet you are wondering why we've collected these things. In the Bible there is a book called Ephesians and one the part of the letter to the Ephesians that we read makes me think about baptism! In that letter it seems like Paul, or whoever wrote the letter, is writing to a group of people who don't think of themselves as children of God. He says this great thing in the letter, he says, "God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 1:5 NLT)*

*Many of the people in this part of the Bible were totally new to the stories about Jesus and God. Many of them probably felt like they did not deserve the grace and love of Jesus. Maybe because of where they were born, or what they used to believe, or because of things that they had done. The author of the letter is telling them that even if they were not born into a community that believes in God and Jesus, they are still part of the family. God adopts them as God's own children and gives them all the good things that Jesus promised. We hear the same message today! Even when we might not feel like we deserve God's love or forgiveness we still get them! God loves us and seals us with the Holy Spirit, which brings me back to baptism. Baptism is one of the ways that we are reminded that we are all one family in God's love and care. When we baptize people we give them a certificate to remind them of the amazing gift of God's love and our adoption into God's family.*

Light the candles, share stories about your child's baptism.

**Prayer:** Loving God, thank you for our amazing family! Thank you for our family of all people who believe in you. Teach us to love and care for each other the way that you care for us. Amen.

**Clips:** [God's Family - YouTube](#)  
[Chosen By God | God wants you - YouTube](#)

**Songs:** [Lord I Thank You - Yancy & Little Praise Party \[OFFICIAL KIDS WORSHIP MUSIC VIDEO\] Taste and See - YouTube](#)  
[Big Family Of God \(Official Lyric Video\) - Nick & Becky Drake // Worship For Everyone - YouTube](#)  
[Newsboys Family Of God \(Lyric Video\) - YouTube](#)

**Craft: Hand FAMILY:** Everyone traces both of their hands several times and cuts them out. Place the cutouts in the shape of a wreath/circle and tape or glue them to a paper plate. Write their names on the "hand family" and ADOPTED BY GOD on the wreath.

