

## KEY SCRIPTURE:

**1 Peter 2:7-12:** <sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” <sup>8</sup> and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

## KEY TAKEAWAY:

God chose you to be his child. This is the most important description of who you are. Because we are God’s children and a part of his family, our actions represent God to others.

## START PRAYING:

*(Leader is person who’s birthday is closest to January 1, 2014):* Dear Jesus, show us what it means to live as your chosen and precious people. Show us what it means to live as your family. Amen.

## START TALKING:

Would you rather play Jenga or Guess Who? Why?

# Citizens of Heaven: Living with Jesus Family Edition - Week 3

## START STUDYING:

- Read the key Scripture
- Jesus is described as a stone in this beginning section. This is an interesting description of Jesus. Why do you think Jesus is described in this way?
- On the back of this page- write the list of everything God calls you in verses 9-11.
- How are we supposed to live our lives as Christians?

## START APPLYING:

- Get some blocks out (or Jenga if you have it!) and build a tower TOGETHER as a family. At the bottom corners of your tower you have a cornerstone piece.
  - Take out one of these cornerstone pieces on your tower. Did your tower stay upright?
  - Do you think without this cornerstone the tower is secure and solid?
- Think of Jesus in the same way as this cornerstone for your own life. With Jesus as the cornerstone, your life is built secure and solid.
- With what you wrote on the back of this page from verses 9-11, circle the description of yourself that challenges you most. Find a partner at your table and discuss this with them.
- Re-read 1 Peter 2:9. After we are described, we are given a command to praise God. How can you praise God through your actions?

## FINISH IN PRAYER:

Oldest person at the table leads the prayer! Take prayer requests from the family and pray!

Draw a picture of towering building. Make it one with a solid foundation!

## Biblical Equipping

- Head to YouTube and find the song: Build my Life by Housefires. Time for a family Sing-along!
- Memorize 1 Peter 2:9.
- At your daily prayer time, add this prayer in: “Dear Jesus, help me build my life on you.”