

## I'm a Child of God!

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This past summer my family had the privilege of having my five year old foster sister baptized. She was excited beyond belief and when the day finally came she couldn't control her happiness. After the ceremony, she ran around telling everyone at church, "I'm a child of God! I'm a child of God!" She still loves telling everyone she meets today that she is a child of God.



I have to admit, I'm a little jealous of her confidence to tell anyone she meets that she is a child of God. It is so easy for her to open her little mouth and yell that out. While she is doing that, I'm sitting in classes with students who are openly bashing Christianity and the conservative beliefs I hold, yet I'm sometimes too afraid to open my mouth and say something. What do I have to be afraid of?

*"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."* John 1:12

We have the right to be children of God. How awesome is that? And yet sometimes we take that right for granted. We tend to think it is more important to fit in than to be "that person who is always talking about Jesus." It is in my moments of weakness I am so grateful that God forgives me for being selfish and timid. But what do we have to lose? Absolutely nothing. We already know that we are going to heaven and that all of our sins are forgiven because of Jesus. Our status as a child of God is not going to change because of our failures. Because of that, we have the right to live our lives praising and proclaiming His love.

It took a five year old to teach me a lesson in living and proclaiming my faith. But without her, I may have never realized how I sometimes fail to live boldly as a Christian. Thanks be to our awesome God who forgives us for our failures. Here's to a semester of embracing my status as a child of God and seizing every opportunity I have to tell others how incredibly blessed I am!



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28. Dearest Jesus, my Redeemer and Friend, I just wanted to say thank you for...

45. Dear Father, oh how you must shake your head at our stubbornness...

48. Oh Father, my friend has just lost a loved one and I do not know...

**Super Girl:** 148. When her daughter was born, my daughter decided that ...

**Scripture References:** Hosea 1:10; John 1:7; John 1:11; John 3:18; John 11:52;

Romans 8:14, 16, 19; Galatians 3:26; 1 John 3:1

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