

God's Family

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Characters: Pedro - Hispanic boy age 8
Olivia – White girl age 8

Time: Present

Place: Soccer field after a game

Pedro: Good game Olivia!

Olivia: Same to you Pedro! Nice goal!

Pedro: Thanks!

Olivia: Was that your mom I saw? Did she have the baby?

Pedro: Yeah she did. A baby boy!

Olivia: I sure wish my mom could have another baby. I think it would be fun to have a big family like yours.

Pedro: Maybe she will have another one someday.

Olivia: No, the Dr. told her that I would be the only one she would be able to have.

Pedro: That's too bad.

Olivia: What did they name the baby?

Pedro: They named him Daniel.

Olivia: That's a nice name. Where did they get it?

Pedro: They got it from the Bible.

Olivia: What's the Bible, a book of baby names?

Pedro: No, it's a book that 40 guys wrote when God told them what to put down.

Olivia: God told them what to write?

Pedro: That's right.

Olivia: So what's the book about?

Pedro: It's mostly a message to us about how much God loves us.

Olivia: If God loves me, how come I can't be in a bigger family?

Pedro: You can be.

Olivia: But the Dr. said

Pedro: (Interrupting) You can be a member of God's family.

Olivia: God's family?

Pedro: That's right. That's what the Bible tells us. We can be adopted into God's family.

Olivia: I know a girl at school who was adopted.

Pedro: Lots of kids are adopted by families that love them. God loves us and that is why He wants to adopt us into His family.

Olivia: But I like living with my family here. I just wish it was bigger.

Pedro: That's the cool part. You can still live with your family here and still be a part of God's family.

Olivia: So what do I have to do to become part of God's family?

Pedro: God knows that all of us do things we shouldn't do. He calls those things sin.

Olivia: That includes me for sure.

Pedro: That's OK. God loves us anyway.

Olivia: Even when we do things we shouldn't?

Pedro: That's right. He doesn't like the things we do but He still loves us.

Olivia: Wow!

Pedro: However, God says that there needs to be punishment for our sins.

Olivia: I can feel it coming already. Punishment hurts.

Pedro: It sure does but the punishment has already been taken care of.

Olivia: What?

Pedro: Yep, God loves us so much that He had his son Jesus take the punishment for us.

Olivia: No way.

Pedro: Yes way. It's true. Jesus came down to earth and took ALL of the punishment for every one of us.

Olivia: That must have been horrible.

Pedro: It was. It was so bad that Jesus died.

Olivia: That is horrible.

Pedro: But that's not all. After Jesus was dead, they buried him. Then three days later, God brought Him back to life again.

Olivia: He did?

Pedro: That's right. Jesus is alive today and is back in Heaven with God.

Olivia: That's great.

Pedro: It sure is. Everyone who believes that Jesus died for their sins are called Christians and are adopted into God's family. As Christians, we are brothers and sisters in God's family.

Olivia: So all I have to do to be a part of God's family is to believe that Jesus died for me?

Pedro: That's it. Tell God that. Tell Him that you know you have done things you shouldn't do and that you are sorry. Then thank Him for loving you anyway and for having Jesus take the punishment for those things.

Olivia: I can do that.

Pedro: Oh ya, then thank Him for adopting you into His family.

Olivia: Then everyone who is a Christian will be **my** brother and sister?

Pedro: That's right. And God's family is getting bigger and bigger every day.

Olivia: At last, I will be in a REALLY big family.

Pedro: Welcome to God's family sister. (Both laugh - Exit)

