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# FAMILY HACKS



#MC3FAMILYHACKS



Discussion  
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**“HACKING ADOPTION”**

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## THE POINT:

**TRY THIS SPIRITUAL HACK: LIVE AS CHILDREN OF GOD!**

### Discussion Generators

PLEASE share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group!

[LEADERS NOTE: Because of the focus of this week's topic, we are going to save the God Moments until the END of the discussion. In addition, use this week as a celebration of our adoption, and the Pr'me season until next fall. Have fun! Have a party!]

- We're at the end of the *Family Hacks* Point series! What is one thing that you have learned over the past eight weeks?
- Unless the gift-giver is in this room 😊, share a story of receiving a gift that was completely useless or meaningless to you.
- Read Galatians 4:1-3. Reflect on your life before you became a Christ-follower. According to these verses, what did we have before following Christ, no matter *when* we began following Him?
- Often people who began following Jesus *while they were young* feel like they don't have a "powerful story" to share. However, they have often been spared from some hurts and heartaches that others had to learn the hard way. If you began following Christ *later in life*, can you share some encouragement with the others about why they shouldn't feel this way?
- Read Galatians 4:4-5. What did God do for us to rescue us out of our slavery to sin?

•What is so powerful about adoption that makes it unique from biological birth?

→Read Galatians 4:6-7. As children of God, what things do we “receive” according to these verses?

→Have a different person in your group read each of the following “inheritances” we receive as Christ followers. As they are read, be thinking about which one you are most grateful:

- Sin Erased: Titus 3:3-7
- Hurt Removed: Revelation 21:3-7
- Help Provided: Romans 8:23-26
- Hope Promised: Hebrews 6:16-19a

We have so much to celebrate! Go around your group and share the one “inheritance” for which you are most grateful as a Christ-follower. Then go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past week.

→Close with a time of praise & prayer. Select a person to open in prayer, then “open the floor” for anyone to pray out loud with a single sentence of “Thank you God for \_\_\_\_\_”. People can pray more than once, if they desire. Then, once it seems like everyone has finished, the Pr’me leader will close in prayer.

→Wrap up your final Pr’me Group of the year by celebrating what God has done!

## Bible Verses

### Galatians 4:1-7 (NLT)

Think of it this way. If a father dies and leaves an inheritance for his young children, those children are not much better off than slaves until they grow up, even though they actually own everything their father had. They have to obey their guardians until they reach whatever age their father set. And that's the way it was with us before Christ came. We were like children; we were slaves to the basic spiritual principles of this world.

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.

And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.

### Titus 3:3-7(NIV)\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit...so that...we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

### Revelation 21:3-7(NLT)\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever...All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings.

### Romans 8:23-26(NLT)\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness...

### Hebrews 6:17-19a(NIV)\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised...We have this hope as an anchor...