

# The *Real* Kids

Romans 8:14-17

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## Launch

When you hear the word “adoption” what is the first thing that comes to mind?

## Explore

### Read the passage

According to Paul, what qualifies us to be children of God?

What are some of the fundamental differences between a slave and a son/daughter?

What are the implications of being co-heirs with Christ?

## Apply

### Read Matthew 16:24

How is the American dream diametrically opposed to the call to follow Jesus?

Why is adoption a beautiful way to live out the values of God’s kingdom?

In what way are we all “adopted?” Why does it matter?

When it comes to your plans for your future, what keeps you from obeying God fully?

## Pray

Pray that we would hold our future with open hands, allowing God full access. Pray that we would be released from the prison of self-interest and the illusion of control in order to step into all that God wants to do *in* us, *for* us, and *through* us.