



God Chose You (11/01/15)

I'll never forget trying out for my high school basketball team. I played on the team in the 7th and 8th grade, but now I was in high school and going up against guys from 9th through 12th grade. Most of them were much bigger and stronger than I was, but I still thought I'd make the team. I practiced outside at my house everyday. I did dribbling drills, passing drills, and shot the ball until I was so tired that I couldn't do it anymore. The tryouts happened at school and I thought I played great but when the coach posted the list of who made the team, my name wasn't on it. I had not been chosen for the team. I was so sad that even after all the practice I had done; I still didn't make the team.

Has anything like that ever happened to you? Have you ever tried out for a team like that and not made it? Or maybe one of your teachers was picking a group of students to do something fun but you didn't get chosen? It is not the best feeling when you don't get chosen for something that you really want to do.

While those things are in important in our life, the good news is that when it comes to the most important thing, you have been chosen! Read Romans 8:28-30.

God chose you to be a part of his team, his family. And the Bible teaches us that there is nothing we can do to earn God's love. God chose you before the foundation of the world. All we can do is repent of our sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and we can praise God for his love for us.

This is a very complex passage that can creates a lot of questions (especially for kids), but the main truth for kids to learn is that God loves them and chose them before the foundation of the world. My prayer is that you would begin talking with your kids about theology like what comes from this passage.

A new book that was just released called [The Ology: Ancient Truths Ever New by Marty Machowski](#) is a GREAT storybook of theology for kids. If you want to teach more theology like this to your children, definitely check out this book and [The Ology CD by Sovereign Grace Music](#) that accompanies the book.

Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean to be chosen by God?
- What does it mean to repent of our sins and believe in Jesus Christ?
- How can we live differently this week if God has chosen us for himself?

Look back at Kennon's weekly email and take some time to listen to the songs with your family that we will be singing in worship this Sunday.

Scripture Memory From Harvest Kids for November (ESV Translation)

4 Year Olds: Hebrews 4:12a

SK/1st: Hebrews 4:12-13

2nd/3rd: Hebrews 4:12-13

4th/5th: Hebrews 4:12-13

Sermon Follow-Up Question

What is something that you learned from the sermon that you had never heard before?