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TRUE CHILDREN'S DAY!

OCTOBER 24, 2019

CELEBRATION DATE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019

"True Children's Day" was founded on November 19, 1960 as one of the major Unificationist Holy Days. It is a day to celebrate that we are children of God our Heavenly Parent! Celebrating not only our own children but also our personal relationship with God as our parent.

Here you will find several resources you can use in your local Church, Sunday School or Home celebration:



What is “True Children’s Day”

“What is Children’s Day all about? It is the day when we can be victorious as children and reach the position of universal glory.”

“Children’s Day is when we children celebrate that we, who due to the Fall could not enter the state where we could partake in God’s glory, can finally for the first time in history abide in the state where we can participate in His glory.”

“Children’s Day is the greatest among the holy days. It is greater than Parents’ Day because it is the day for Parents to recover their authority.””

– REV. SUN MYUNG MOON

SIGNIFICANCE:

Through Jesus Christ, we have received spiritual salvation and bear the spiritual lineage of God as adopted sons and daughters, personal salvation.

Through the Marriage Blessing given by True Parents, we are engrafted in to the physical lineage of God as his own sons and daughters, family salvation.

This is what we are celebrating on True Children's Day.

PARENT ARTICLE:

"EXPLAINING TRUE CHILDREN'S DAY TO CHILDREN"

SCRIPTURES

BIBLE VERSES:

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." - 1 John 3:1

"Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward." -Psalm 127:3

"I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters," declares the Lord Almighty.
-2 Corinthians 6:18

WORDS OF REV. SUN MYUNG MOON:

"God's love is the only unchanging and unique love."

"Grandparents handed down love to parents, the parents handed down love to a husband and a wife, and the couple handed down love to children... You were born of your parents, so your parents were the first ones to whom you could speak. Your first sound was "daddy and mommy." What are parents born for? They are born for their children!"

"Children experience and learn the heart of true love as they attend their parents in daily life..."

"Who is the big Dad? God! He is the vertical, most giant Dad."

"When a mother gives such loving care to her children there is no beginning and no end in terms of value. It keeps going on and on. The reason we live for the sake of others is because it is the way of True Love."

"Children must grow up looking at their parents as their models, thinking, 'I will be like my father. I will be like my mother.' That is the best tradition."

“Every human being possesses a unique individual character. No matter how many billions of people are born on the earth, no two will ever have exactly the same personality.”

FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How is God our Heavenly Parent? How do you feel God’s love?
- What does it mean to be a “Child of God”? How can we be a true child?
- Why do you think Jesus said: “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

FOR PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS:

- What did you like about being a child? What are some of your favorite childhood memories? Share photos from your childhood!
- Share about your marriage Blessing experience. What was it like to you to be grafted onto the lineage of God and become a true child of God?
- What does it mean to you to have a blessed child? Or to see your child get blessed one day?
- What did you enjoy about becoming a parent? What do you love about being a parent to your child? How does it help you understand God’s heart?
- What are some of your favorite traits about your child? Why do they deserve to be celebrated today?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

- **Offering Table:** Create a offering table together and hold a simple Family Pledge Service in your home- or attend a local ceremony
- **Cake:** Share a cake or favorite treat together as a family. Sing “Happy Children’s Day to You!”
- **Banner:** Create a banner together as a family saying “Happy True Children’s Day!”
- **Gift:** To celebrate God & True Parent’s love for your child: Give them a special **gift**.
- **Nature Walk:** Go on a nature walk together somewhere beautiful and observe God’s beautiful Creation he made for us. Take a family photo together.
- **Craft:** Make a “All About Me” type of craft together celebrating being children of God! Celebrate how each child is unique and loved. Or make a party hat or crown and on it write “Child of God.”

- **Coloring Page:** Print out and have your child color in a ["Child of God" coloring page](#)

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS:

GOD MADE ME SPECIAL

GOD MADE PEOPLE

UNIQUE CHILD OF GOD

CHILD'S REALM OF HEART

SCHOOL OF LOVE LESSON:

CHILD OF GOD

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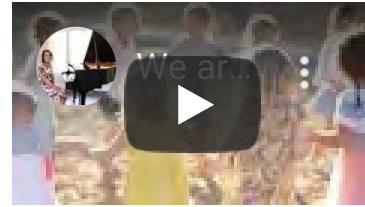
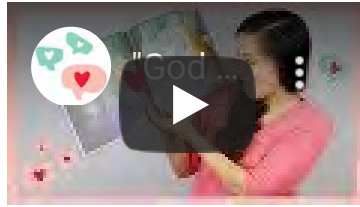
ACTIVITIES, CRAFTS, GAMES, VIDEOS, SONGS:

GOD MADE ME

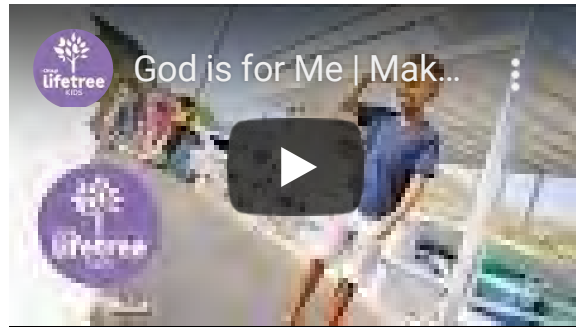
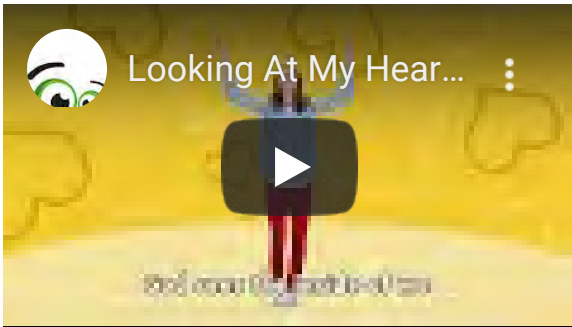
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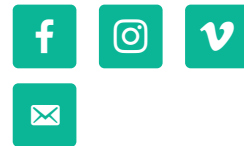
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Explaining True Children's Day to children

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How do you explain the meaning of the Holy Days to children? It is often stated that something is only understood well enough

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n. **1:** the state, quality, or an instance of being simple **2:** wisdom from complexity

if it can be explained simply. The Bromley Children's Ministry recently asked Matthew Huish, the pastor of the FFWPU Community in Bromley, to prepare an explanation of True Children's Day for their celebration programme. This is what he wrote:

Let me tell you a story:

In April 1960, True Father married True Mother in the Holy Wedding of True Parents. Soon afterwards, True Mother was pregnant with their first child, a daughter called Ye Jin. But before Ye Jin nim was born, True Parents established Children's Day.

Why do you think Children's Day was established on the 19th of November 1960 and not on Ye Jin nim's birthday, on the 27th of January 1961? Maybe True Parents were really excited about having their first child, and they wanted to celebrate early. But maybe it was because they were following the lunar calendar:

In most of the Christian world, a solar calendar called the

Gregorian Calendar is followed. In Korea and most of the Far East of Asia, a lunar calendar is followed. This means that the 19th of November would have been the 1st day of the 10th month of the lunar calendar. Why is this interesting? Because a baby needs more than 9 months (usually about 40 weeks) to grow in the mother's womb before it is born. Because of this, the 10th month of the year can be considered the time to welcome a child after it has prepared for 9 months.

But why do we need a Children's Day in the first place? This is what True Father said on separate occasions:

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"The establishment of Children's Day signifies the appearance of sons and daughters who are able to rectify the fact that they lost God due to the wrongful actions of God's children."

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God is a Heavenly Parent who wants to enjoy a relationship of love with God's children.



Because the first humans abandoned God, our Heavenly Parent has been waiting for God's children to return. True Parents were able to become the new ancestors of humanity, allowing all people to return to God both spiritually and physically. Their first child would have been the first person to be born as a child of God. Our Heavenly Parent was really happy to become a parent, finding God's lost children. All people who are reborn through True Parents (through the Holy Marriage Blessing) can become God's children, so Children's Day is a day for all people to celebrate.

We celebrate True Children's Day because we are proud of our identity: We are proud that we are God's children and we are proud of True Parents for giving rebirth to all humanity. We celebrate this day every year so that we can remember who we are, as the children of our Heavenly Parent, and to express gratitude to True Parents for giving us the grace of being reconnected with God.

To end with, this is True Father's prayer from the 10th Children's Day:

"I hope and pray that You will allow all Your children to become true children based on their relationship to True Parents, to build true families based on being true children, and based on those true families, to expand into true tribes, true peoples, true nations, a true world and a true cosmos."

Happy True Children's Day!

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