

# The Rights of Children

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John 1:10-13

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1. What if God knew how it felt to be **an outsider** ?

2. He was in the world . . .

**Darkness** is disorienting.

3. He made the world . . .

4. The world did not recognize him . . .

The world had become **disoriented** toward its Creator.

5. He came to his own . . .

God made a **move toward us** .

6. But his own did not receive him . . .

They did not **welcome him into their fellowship** .

7. Yet to all who did receive him . . .

8. He gave the right to become children of God . . .

**Permission** granted.

## *Life Group Homework*

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord,  
continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him,  
strengthened in the faith as you were taught,  
and overflowing with thankfulness.*

Colossians 2:6-7

1. Describe a time when you felt like an outsider.

2. John says Jesus came to his own. Some Bible scholars believe this refers to the whole world, which was his by creation. Others believe it refers to the Jewish people, who were his by choice. Whom do you think he describes as “his own”? Why do you believe this? (Does the context of John 1 help you out?)

3. John talks about darkness often in his gospel (John 1:5, 3:19, 8:12, 12:46). Why does John refer to darkness? What does darkness have to do with living as a child of God? How do you see darkness affecting your life?

4. What does it mean to have a “right” to become a child of God? What kinds of rights do Christ-followers have?

5. Beyond a Sunday School answer, what does it mean to “receive” Jesus? Tell the story of when and how you first received Jesus. Describe how you are still “receiving” him today.

6. Children are designed to grow up. Colossians 2:6-7 encourages us in that path. Tell the group how you are growing today as a child of God, how you are being built up and strengthened in your faith.

7. What does thankfulness have to do with growing up in our faith?