

God Is Our Father

Activity: The child makes a body tracing that depicts how he or she is special to God.

Concept

God is our Father. We are all God's children.

What You Need

- ▶ Picture Glossary* Image for God
- ▶ photocopy of Side B of this Lesson Card
- ▶ large sheet of butcher paper
- ▶ masking or painters tape
- ▶ art supplies

*Pages 445–451 of the Adaptive Finding God Catechist Guide

At Home

Invite the parents to review their child's drawing twice before next week. Ask parents to reinforce that God is our Father and that we are all his children.

Example



Lesson Steps

1 Opening Prayer

Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: **Dear God, we are all your children. Please help us learn to love you better.** Pray the Sign of the Cross.

2 Begin with Life Experience

Invite the child to describe in words or pictures his or her father or another important male role model. Ask how this man shows his love. Show the child the Picture Glossary image for God. Explain that God is also our Father. Say: **God is our Father too. He cares for us and loves us, just as dads do. With God as our Father, we are all brothers and sisters.** Together name, draw, or sign ways that God our Father takes special care of us.

3 Connect

Help the child color and cut out the image from the photocopy of Side B. Tape the butcher paper to the floor or wall. Trace around the child's body. Help the child fill in his or her shirt, pants, shoes, and so on. Have the child glue the *I am a child of God!* image to the shirt area. Ask the child to decorate the tracing. Work together to add words or images that tell why he or she is special.

4 Closing Prayer

Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: **God, our Father, thank you for your unending love.** Conclude by praying the Sign of the Cross.

