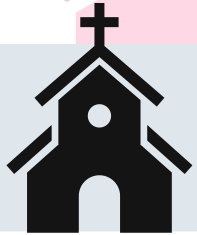


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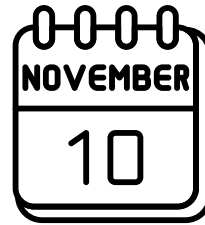
A Call to be Holy, and helpful

Share with your church about God's heart for the vulnerable

The heart of Christian discipleship reflected in James 1:27 is that while caring for "orphans and widows" we would remain "unstained by the world," or live lives that are distinctively different from the rhythms and patterns of the world around us. During National Adoption Month we want to honor, recognize, and celebrate the heart of God for vulnerable children and families and seek ways to demonstrate that love. *



Thousands of churches
in over 170 countries



united under God's
heart for the orphaned
and vulnerable.

Ways to Recognize National Adoption Month as a Church

- Announce** Highlight ways your church seeks to care for vulnerable children or ask a member who has adopted/been adopted to share their testimony.
- Preach** Point out in your sermon text ways that God specifically cares for the most vulnerable among us. Here are some examples from local churches [Exodus 21-22](#), [Luke 10](#), [Psalm 128](#), [Ex 11](#)
- Pray** Distribute [prayer cards](#) for children awaiting families and our [prayer guide](#) for the month. Set aside a time to pray as a congregation for children who are waiting for families.
- Watch** Watch the [Sound of Hope](#) movie for free with your small groups.
- Worship** Sing these [new worship songs](#) from The Worship Initiative.

Watch Short Videos

Watch together these [videos](#) (four minutes or less) about how church and ministry leaders have seen Pure Religion impact the culture and rhythm of their church.

Next Steps

- Invite Family Hope Coalition to [host a training or information event](#) at your church
- Host a [book study](#) or group to explore the topic of adoption and care for the vulnerable
- [Meet with Family Hope Coalition](#) to decide next steps for your congregation

*From the [Field Guide](#) to Pure Religion Sunday

For more information reach out at www.familyhopecoalition.org



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at Your Church

Ideas for Discipleship

As we seek to be disciples of Jesus Christ and demonstrate His love to the world around us, we can grow together in our knowledge of how God's heart is displayed in caring for the most vulnerable. We'd like to share resources that bring together the world of caring for vulnerable children and biblical discipleship. Some books or podcasts are designed for foster and adoptive parents but will be useful for anyone seeking to better understand the foster and adoptive parent experience through a gospel lens.

If you'd like to do a book study on your own, or as a group, we recommend these books and podcasts as a great start.

Book or Podcast Group Suggestions

All IN Orphan Care by Jason Johnson

A six-session study guide designed to prepare and equip those exploring the call to foster care, adoption or some aspect of supporting families.

Foster the Family by Jamie Finn

With the compassion and insight of a fellow foster parent, Jamie C. Finn helps you see your struggles through the lens of the gospel, bringing biblical truths to bear on your unique everyday realities. In these short, easy-to-read chapters, you'll find honest, personal stories and practical lessons that provide encouragement and direction from God's Word as you walk the journey of foster parenting.

Reframing Foster Care by Jason Johnson

There is hope—in God's capacity to bring great beauty out of tragic brokenness. A collection of reflections on the foster parenting journey designed to help you do just that—find hope—and to remind you that your work is worth it and you are not alone.

Generous Justice by Tim Keller

Timothy Keller challenges these preconceived beliefs and presents the Bible as a fundamental source for promoting justice and compassion for those in need. In *Generous Justice*, he explores a life of justice empowered by an experience of grace: a generous, gracious justice.

Just Neighbors by the Forgotten Initiative

A podcast that seeks to help you practice biblical justice and compassion together. Guests include Andy Crouch and Jamie Finn.

The Forgotten Podcast

Shares stories of the foster care community with guest speakers who are biological parents, adult former foster youth, and others.

Bring Family Hope Co to your church

Family Hope has several options for interactive trainings for your small group or congregation. Reach out today!

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