

A 7-Day Adoption Reading Pack

For adoptive parents in the waiting, the placement, or the first year home.

KJV scriptures celebrating adoption, the heart of God for the orphan, and the joy of growing a family through adoption.

How to use this pack

- Read a page whenever the process feels longest — that is what it is for.
- Answer honestly; adoption paperwork rewards optimism, this pack does not require it.
- Keep the pack for the day your child asks how they came home.

The seven days

Day 1 — Adopted by God · Ephesians 1:5

Day 2 — The long wait · Romans 8:15

Day 3 — A child's history · Psalm 68:5-6

Day 4 — Defender of the fatherless · James 1:27

Day 5 — Love that is chosen · Galatians 4:4-5

Day 6 — Hard days ahead · Deuteronomy 10:18

Day 7 — A family blessing · Matthew 18:5

Adoption is one of the clearest pictures of the gospel — God adopts us as His own children through Jesus Christ. Whether you are praying about adoption, walking through the wait, finalizing a placement, or celebrating an adoption day, these King James Bible verses speak of God's heart for the orphan and the beauty of belonging by love rather than by birth. Use them in adoption announcements, gift cards, courtroom prayers, and family devotions.

Adopted by God

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.

Ephesians 1:5 (KJV)

We are adopted by God Himself

Devotion prompt

Scripture calls every believer adopted. What does your own adoption into God's family teach you about the one you are pursuing?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

The long wait

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Romans 8:15 (KJV)

The Spirit of adoption

Devotion prompt

Where are you in the wait, and what has it cost you already? Say it to God plainly rather than piously.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

A child's history

A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation. God setteth the solitary in families.

Psalm 68:5-6 (KJV)

God sets the solitary in families

Devotion prompt

Your child comes with a story that began before you. How will you honour it rather than replace it?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Defender of the fatherless

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

James 1:27 (KJV)

Caring for the fatherless is true religion

Devotion prompt

God sets the solitary in families. Write what it means to you that this is his heart and not just your preference.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Love that is chosen

But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Galatians 4:4-5 (KJV)

Christ came so we could be adopted

Devotion prompt

What do you want your child to understand about being chosen, and how will you say it when they are old enough to ask?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

Hard days ahead

He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

Deuteronomy 10:18 (KJV)

God's love for the fatherless and stranger

Devotion prompt

Attachment takes time and can hurt. Who are the two people you will call on the hard days?

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

A family blessing

And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

Matthew 18:5 (KJV)

Receiving a child is receiving Christ

Devotion prompt

Write a blessing to read on the day the adoption is finalised, and keep it for that day.

Write your answer

Pray it back to God before you close the page.

More verses for this season

Keep this page for cards, texts, and the days when you need different words.

Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by my name; thou art mine.

Isaiah 43:1 (KJV)

Called by name, belonging to God

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

John 1:12 (KJV)

Becoming children of God

A prayer for this season

Father, you adopted us at great cost and called us your own. Give us endurance in the waiting, tenderness for our child's story, and love that does not depend on it being easy. Amen.

Practical ways to use these verses

- Ephesians 1:5 is the cornerstone adoption verse — perfect for placement-day cards and announcements
- Psalm 68:6 ("God setteth the solitary in families") is widely used for adoption nursery decor
- James 1:27 frames adoption as obedience to God's heart — meaningful for adoption ministry materials
- Use Isaiah 43:1 in framed art for the child's bedroom
- Romans 8:15 reminds adoptive parents that their love mirrors God's own adoption of them

Notes and prayer requests

Read the full collection, with every verse in context, at biblesundays.com/life-events/adoption-verses — free KJV verse collections, printables, and reading plans for every season of life. Free to print and share; please keep this page attached.