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Monday

But now thus says the LORD, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine.”



Isaiah 43:1

## A Family Tree of Faith

Samantha traced her hand along the “limbs” of her family tree. She saw the names of her mother and father. Then she thought of what her parents had taught her. Samantha learned how to fish from her father and how to plant a garden from her mother.

Tracing her finger farther down the tree, she saw the names of her grandparents. Her grandfather had taught her how to cook, and her grandmother had taught her how to make strawberry jam.

As she looked at her family tree, she thought of all the neat things her family had passed on to her. Each generation had taught Samantha something important, something she would cherish for the rest of her life.

Although her family had taught her many lessons, she valued one above all the others. Can you guess what it was? It was learning what God had done for her through Jesus Christ!

She was blessed. In her family, each generation had taught the next that God loved the world so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to give her life eternal. Samantha’s family had taught her that Jesus came for all people—moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles, and cousins! Even now, her family members from long, long ago, whom she had never met, are resting from their labors with Jesus.

You may be in a family like Samantha’s, a family where everyone believes in Jesus. That would be great. But you may not be in that kind of family. You may be one of only a handful of people in your family who believe in Jesus as your Savior. But even if that is true, you are still a part of God’s big family. You are listed on His family tree.

### Journal:

*Who taught you about Jesus? Is that person a member of your family?*

### Pray:

*Dear God, through Your Holy Spirit, I have learned many great things. You have given me faith to trust in Jesus. Thank You, God. Please keep me close to You always. Amen.*

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