"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will." – Ephesians 1:3–5
What is God's Judgment Like?

- Questions about God's character have been raised before the universe: Is God fair? Are His commands impossible to keep? Is He both loving and just?
- In the judgment God will reveal that He has done everything possible to save all of us. It is His grace that saves us from penalty and power of sin. It is His grace that pardons our past and empowers our present.
- 'We don't need to fear judgment, for Jesus is our Advocate, our Trial Lawyer, and our Judge (John 5:22).
- In Jesus Christ we are sons and daughters of the King of the Universe.
- We need to ask Jesus daily to reveal what we have done wrong in our lives, and cleanse us from all sins. His power helps us overcome sin.
Prayer Suggestions

**Praying God's Word** - use Revelation 14:7 as a starter to your prayer session. "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgement has come.

"Fear God" - We adore and worship God for we recognize God as worthy of all honor and glory for He is the Majesty, the Creator, the Eternal One.

"Give Glory to Him" - Ask Jesus to help us reveal His character in us. Pray for the infilling of the Holy Spirit so we can show forth His glory in our lives and empower us to live in harmony with His will.

"The Hour of His Judgement Has Come" - We thank Jesus for the judgment so that He will restore justice to this world. Thank Him for being our Advocate and Our High Priest who will stand for us before God to forgive us when we confess our sins. Help us to point others to you so they can find eternal life in You.
Song Suggestions

- Redeemed (CH #388)
- Marching to Zion (CH #422)
- Standing on the Promises (CH #518)
- It Is Well With My Soul (CH #530)
- Side by Side (*He is Our Song* #123)
Prayer Activity: Fruit of the Spirit Prayer

Give the children a balloon and marker each and have them write down one fruit of the spirit on the balloon. Blow it up and tie it tight.

Each child can pray for each of those fruit of the spirit to come into his or her life; or they can pray for another person to experience those fruits. If there is still time, let the children swap their balloons and they can pray for those other fruit they have just received.