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Have you heard the story of *The Prince and the Pauper*? It's a famous story about a poor young boy (pauper means poor) who trades places with the prince. Overnight, the boy who had nothing suddenly has everything. He lives in the king's palace, where he eats the best food and has lots of servants to take care of him. This poor boy enjoys all kinds of amazing privileges because everyone thinks he is the son of the King!

Psalm 103:19 reminds us that God is the greatest King of all. **“The LORD has established his throne in the heavens.”** A throne is a fancy chair the King sits in. It's a symbol of the King's power and authority. God's throne is secure, permanent and unmovable. It's established in the heavens, which is a place of unspeakable beauty and majesty. God is King over all creation; he rules over all. The whole universe belongs to him.

Best of all, like the poor boy in our story, God invites us to become his sons and daughters. If we trust in Jesus, God will forgive our sins and adopt us as his children. When we do this, all the blessings of Psalm 103 get applied to us. And, one day, we will live with God forever in heaven. Are you a child of the King?

- What are some of the blessings that come from being a child of the King? (Look at Psalm 103)
- Why is it encouraging to know your Heavenly Father rules over and controls all things?
- Take a few minutes to pray with your Dad or Mom. Thank God for his blessings. Ask him to help you live as his son or daughter.