

# PARENT/STUDENT IDENTITY GUIDE

## 10th Grade Conversation

### OBJECTIVE

Have a nice dinner with your teen, and present to them a brand-new Bible highlighted with Scriptures confirming that our identity is in Christ. This is a great time to affirm their identity in Christ.

### THE 411

Our sons and daughters constantly go through feelings of discouragement and being unloved. It is the roller coaster ride of a teenage life. That is why it is so important to continually let them know of their true identity in Christ. We need to remind them that when they feel discouraged or start to listen to the lies of the enemy – that they are not good enough or not smart enough – that God thinks otherwise. We need to let them know and keep reminding them that they belong to God. Their identity is not what their reputation is or what others say or what they look like. It is found in the one true God. This is a night to affirm them and remind them Whose they are. They are children of the Most High God.

### SUGGESTION

Pick out a Bible for your teen. Even though he may already have one, this could be a special study Bible or just a thin-line Bible with their name engraved on it. Before presenting it, write a little paragraph in the front affirming your teen that this Bible is a reminder of God's promises that they are valued and loved by the Creator God. After presenting the Bible, say that this is a gift to affirm their identity in Christ. Let your teen know that certain scriptures are highlighted concerning their identity in Christ. Here are some Scriptures you can highlight in this Bible:

#### 1 John 3:1 (NIV)

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are ..."

#### Philippians 4:13 (NIV)

"I can do all things through Him who gives me strength."

#### Romans 8:31 (NIV)

"... If God is for us, who can be against us?"

#### Psalms 139:13-14 (NIV)

"For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made ..."

#### 1 Corinthians 6:19 (NIV)

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own."

#### Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

#### 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here."

**1 John 4: 4 (NIV)**

“... the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.”

**2 Timothy 1:7 (RSV)**

“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control.”

**1 John 5:4 (NIV)**

“For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.”

**1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)**

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.”

**Romans 8:35-39 (NIV)**

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For Your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)**

“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.’”

Let your teen pick a favorite restaurant, a place where the two of you can be alone. During dinner sometime, present the Bible as a gift and have these discussion points.

**DISCUSSION**

Affirm your teen and what you love about them. Let your teen know how proud you are and about your unconditional love for them.

**SAY SOMETHING LIKE:** This Bible is a gift to remind you of your true identity. I highlighted some Scriptures that refer only to your identity in Christ.

Your identity is in Christ, and these Scriptures are reminders of God's promises. When we feel alone or defeated, or we start to listen to lies of the enemy that we are not good enough, these Scriptures are there to remind us of Whose we are. We are children of God and are so valued by Him, that God sent His only Son to die so that we could have a relationship with Him. He doesn't want us to forget that we are loved by Him more than we can ever comprehend.

Memorize the highlighted Scriptures so that when those times of struggle come, God will speak to you and remind you of your identity in Him.

