

PARENT/STUDENT IDENTITY GUIDE

6th Grade Conversation

OBJECTIVE

Have a conversation with your son or daughter about identity in Christ.

THE 411

Our children's bodies are changing, their voices are changing, their friendships are changing, and if they find their sense of belonging or identity in something other than Christ, that will be changing as well. They live in a world that is centered around popularity and finding a place to belong. Our sons and daughters are often willing to do whatever it takes to fit into a group where they feel they can be accepted. They will change the way they dress, the way they talk, and even their attitudes in order to fit into a group they believe will accept them.

SUGGESTION

Take your son or daughter out to one of the big box stores and buy a mirror for their school locker. Using the Scriptures found in the discussion section below, read through each Scripture together and then write attributes of your child's identity in Christ on the mirror. Have them place the mirror in their room or bathroom as a reminder each morning that their true identity is in Christ. For this exercise a permanent marker will work best.

DISCUSSION

READ

I AM GOD'S CHILD

John 1:12 (NIV)

"Yet to all who receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."

AS A DISCIPLE, I AM A FRIEND OF
JESUS CHRIST

John 15:15 (NIV)

"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you."

I HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED

Romans 5:1 (NIV)

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

I AM UNITED WITH THE LORD, AND I
AM ONE WITH HIM IN SPIRIT

1 Corinthians 6:17 (NIV)

"But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit."

I HAVE BEEN BOUGHT WITH A PRICE
AND I BELONG TO GOD

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (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; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.”

I AM A MEMBER OF CHRIST'S BODY

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

I HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY GOD AND
ADOPTED AS HIS CHILD

Ephesians 1:3-8 (NIV)

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will — to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One he loves. In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.”

I HAVE BEEN REDEEMED AND
FORGIVEN OF ALL MY SINS

Colossians 1:13-14 (NIV)

“For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

I AM COMPLETE IN CHRIST

Colossians 2:9-10 (NIV)

“For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.”

I HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE
THRONE OF GRACE THROUGH JESUS
CHRIST

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV)

“Therefore, since we have a great High Priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have One who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet He did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

I AM SECURE

I AM ASSURED THAT GOD WORKS FOR
MY GOOD IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.”

I AM FREE FROM ANY CONDEMNATION
BROUGHT AGAINST ME AND I CANNOT
BE SEPARATED FROM THE LOVE OF
GOD

Romans 8:31-39 (NIV)

“What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all — how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns?

I AM FREE FROM ANY CONDEMNATION BROUGHT AGAINST ME AND I CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE LOVE OF GOD (cont.)

Romans 8:31-39 (NIV)

No one. Christ Jesus who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 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."

I AM CONFIDENT THAT GOD WILL COMPLETE THE GOOD WORK HE STARTED IN ME

Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

"Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

I AM A CITIZEN OF HEAVEN

Philippians 3:20 (NIV)

"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ."

I HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN A SPIRIT OF FEAR BUT OF POWER, LOVE AND A SOUND MIND

2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV)

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

I AM BORN OF GOD AND THE EVIL ONE CANNOT TOUCH ME

1 John 5:18 (NIV)

"We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them."

I AM SIGNIFICANT

I AM A BRANCH OF JESUS CHRIST, THE TRUE VINE, AND A CHANNEL OF HIS LIFE

John 15:5 (NIV)

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing."

I HAVE BEEN CHOSEN AND APPOINTED TO BEAR FRUIT

John 15:16 (NIV)

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit — fruit that will last — and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you."

I AM GOD'S TEMPLE

1 Corinthians 3:16 (NIV)

"Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?"

I AM A MINISTER OF RECONCILIATION FOR GOD

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (NIV)

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

I AM SEATED WITH JESUS CHRIST IN THE HEAVENLY REALM

Ephesians 2:6 (NIV)

“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.”

I AM GOD’S WORKMANSHIP

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.”

I MAY APPROACH GOD WITH FREEDOM AND CONFIDENCE

Ephesians 3:12 (NIV)

“In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.”

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST, WHO STRENGTHENS ME

Philippians 4:13 (NIV)

“I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.”

PRAY

Spend some time praying that God will give our children the strength to stand up to the pressures they will face in middle school. Also ask God to give them the confidence to know that they were created in His image and they are created for the good works that He has prepared for them to do.

