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IDENTITY IN CHRIST FOR KIDS



7 IDENTITY STATEMENTS WITH SCRIPTURE AND DISCUSSION STARTERS FOR PARENTS TO USE WITH THEIR CHILDREN

In Christ, you are:

ACCEPTED

... whoever comes to me I will never cast out. -John 6:37

- What are things kids might do to try to get their friends to like them?
- How would you feel if a person close to you said that they will always be your friend and never reject you?
- Is Jesus your friend? If so, what does this verse tell you about how he will treat you?

LIKED

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. - Zephaniah 3:17

Our love often depends on how other people treat us. If they treat us well then we love them back. God's love for us is not like that.

- Have you thought about the fact that God rejoices over you even when you act unlovable? He doesn't like what we do but he still likes us. How does this make you feel about God?
- How does knowing that God likes you help you to seek him and ask forgiveness when you do bad things?

ADOPTED

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. - Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

- What would it be like if you had no parents or family?
- How does being a child of God change how you live?

NOT GUILTY

as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. - Psalm 103:12

"Transgressions" is a big word that means the things we do that are wrong.

- What's it like when you feel guilty?
- What does it mean that God removes your sin from you as far as the east is from the west?
- Why are you sometimes afraid to come to God with your sin?
- Read 1 John 1:9. How do these verses help you when you know we have sinned?

For freedom Christ has set us free. – Galatians 5:1

Temptation makes us feel like we must sin. But this verse promises that we do not have to sin. We feel temptation and we don't want to do it. But this verse says that we are free from temptation's power.

- What does it mean to be free?
- How does knowing we are free help you when we are tempted to do wrong?

CONQUERORS

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. -Romans 8:37

A conqueror is someone who overcomes something.

- What is something you have conquered?
- Why do you struggle to believe you can win against sin?
- Do you spend more time thinking about yourself as a loser to sin or a conqueror in Christ? When you are faced with doing wrong, you can remember that Jesus defeated this for you because he did!

NEW CREATION

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. – 2 Corinthians 5:17

- What are the old things that have passed away?
- What is new about you because of Jesus?
- How does being new help you win against the bad things you are tempted to do?

All scripture is quoted from the English Standard Version (ESV) except where it is quoted from the New Living Translation (NLT)

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