

# IDENTITY IN CHRIST

## 12TH GRADE

### OBJECTIVE

Have a conversation with your student about what it means for them to own their identity in Christ.

### WHAT TO KNOW

Your student is defined by Jesus. He created them and made them on purpose. The moment they chose to follow Jesus, they became a new creation—the old has passed away, and their new life has begun. They are now a child of God, and that truth defines their identity both now and forever.

This identity will continue to be challenged, even into adulthood. That's why it's so important to help them see themselves the way God does: fully loved, fully known, and deeply valued. When students are confident in who they are in Christ, they gain a steady foundation that shapes their thoughts, emotions, and decisions. A secure identity fuels both spiritual growth and life-long resilience.

### TRUTH FROM THE BIBLE

*I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me ...* Galatians 2:20 NIV  
Your life now belongs to Jesus—He defines who you are.

*Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*  
2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT  
Your past does not define you—Jesus makes all things new.

*We are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.* Ephesians 2:10 NLT  
God made you with purpose—your life matters in His plan.

*We are his children. God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father."* Galatians 4:6 NLT  
You are not alone—you are God's beloved child with direct access to Him.



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## TALK ABOUT IT

- How do you think your identity in Christ should impact the way you see yourself?
- Where do you feel pressure to find your identity outside of Jesus (like school, social media, sports, relationships)?
- What would it look like to live like your value comes from Jesus—not your performance or achievements?

Encourage your student with reminders like this: their identity is rooted in what Jesus has done, not in what they do. God sees them as His child and wants a close relationship with them. They don't have to earn their worth—they already have it because of Christ.

## LIVE IT OUT

As your student prepares for adulthood, help them ground their identity in truth. Encourage regular time with Jesus, reflection on their purpose in Christ, and connection with a faith-filled community. You can also encourage your student to speak these truths out loud each morning:

- Jesus is first in my life. I exist to serve and glorify Him.
- I am a child of God—loved, known, and chosen.
- I am disciplined. Christ in me is stronger than the wrong desires in me.
- I am anointed, empowered, equipped, and called to reach people far from God.
- I wake up with purpose, direction, and meaning every day of my life.
- I take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ.
- The world will be different and better because I served Jesus today.

## PRAY TOGETHER

Take time to pray with your student. Ask God to help them walk confidently in the identity He has given them.

"God, thank You for making us new in Christ. Help us to see ourselves the way You see us—loved, chosen, and made with purpose. Show us how to live from that truth every day. Help us remember that our identity is secure in You, no matter what challenges we face. Amen."

