

IDENTITY IN CHRIST

11TH GRADE

OBJECTIVE

Have a conversation with your student about what it means to personally own their identity in Christ and walk in confidence as someone deeply loved and uniquely called by God.

WHAT TO KNOW

At this stage, your student is asking big questions: Who am I? Why am I here? What's my purpose? These are normal—and important—questions in the process of growing up. But more than ever, your student needs to know that their identity isn't defined by what they do, what others think, or how they perform. Their identity is rooted in Jesus.

It's also important to remember: more is caught than taught. Your faith, consistency, and example speak louder than any lecture. As you share about your own walk with Christ—including your doubts and growth—you'll help your student see that a personal, meaningful relationship with Jesus is both possible and worth pursuing.

TRUTH FROM THE BIBLE

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 ESV

You are fully loved and invited into eternal life through faith in Jesus.

For I am sure that neither death nor life... will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38–39 ESV

Nothing can separate you from God's love—it is secure and unshakable.

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 ESV

You are made new in Christ—your past does not define you.

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me... Galatians 2:20 ESV

Your life belongs to Jesus. His power and presence live in you.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works... Ephesians 2:10 ESV

God made you with intention and purpose—your life has meaning.



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TALK ABOUT IT

- What have you been thinking about lately when it comes to your faith?
- How do you see yourself in relation to God?
- What do you think it means to have an identity in Christ?

Share your own story—what helped you grow, what challenged you, and how you came to understand God's love for you. Affirm that their search for identity is normal, and God is present in every part of that process. Talk about grace and mercy: that grace is receiving what we don't deserve, and mercy is not receiving what we do. Their worth isn't based on performance—it's based on who Jesus is and what He's done.

LIVE IT OUT

Encourage your student to spend regular time in God's Word—not just reading, but reflecting. Even a few verses a week can anchor their identity and shape how they think. Help them find a way to stay connected in community, whether through a small group, church, or serving. Consider doing something together—like serving on a team or memorizing scripture.

Remind them that spiritual habits like prayer, reflection, and memorization aren't about being perfect—they're about staying grounded when life gets complicated. As they grow, help them understand that their identity in Christ is steady, even when everything else is changing.

PRAY TOGETHER

Pray honestly and humbly with your student, inviting God into their identity journey and your ongoing conversations.

"God, thank You for loving my student completely and unconditionally. Help them see themselves through Your eyes—as chosen, valued, and deeply known. Show them where they need to lean into Your truth, and give them the courage to live confidently in who You created them to be. Help us grow in faith together and trust You in every season. Amen."

