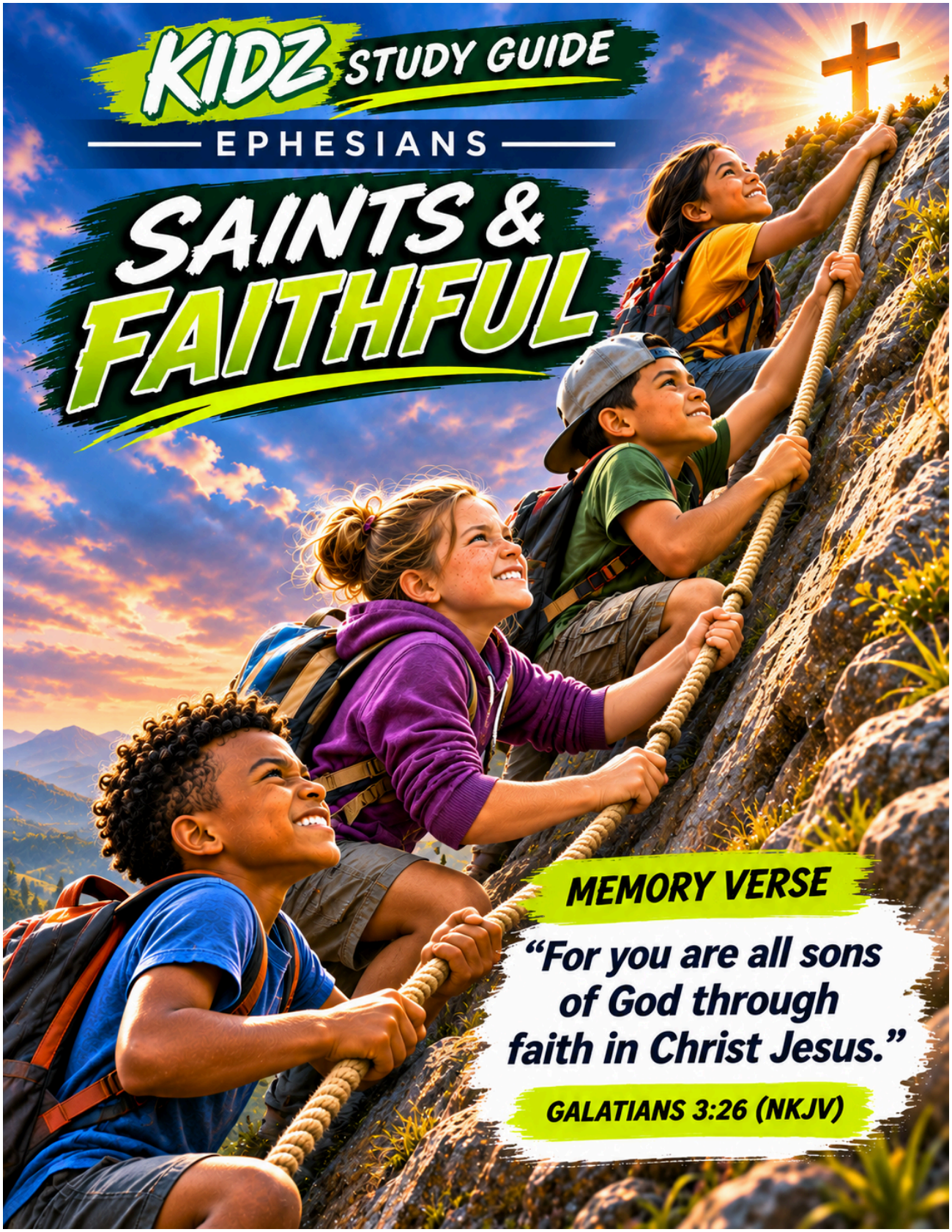


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OVERVIEW

Did you know that when you believe in Jesus and belong to God's family, the Bible calls you a **saint**?

You might think a saint is someone who never makes mistakes, always does everything right, or is extra good. But that's not what the Bible teaches! A saint is someone who belongs to God through Jesus Christ. We don't become saints by doing enough good things. We become part of God's family by believing in Jesus and being born again.

And when we belong to Jesus, our lives should show it! We can choose to tell the truth, obey our parents, forgive others, and do what is right. We don't make these choices to earn God's love. We make them because we love Him!

The Bible also calls us to be **faithful**. Being faithful means staying true to Jesus and continuing to follow Him, even when things get hard. Sometimes we make mistakes, feel discouraged, or want to give up. But we can turn back to Jesus, ask for His help, and keep following Him.

Here's what we're learning: Know who you are in Jesus, live like you belong to Him, and keep following Him!

HOW TO USE THIS STUDY GUIDE

Read About It → Talk About It → Think About It

Open your Bible and read each passage together with your group.

Use the **Talk About It** questions to find answers in God's Word. These questions follow the same Bible truths the adults are studying, so you can learn and talk about them together!

Then use the **Think About It** questions to talk about your own thoughts, choices, and actions. Think about what it means to belong to Jesus and how you can keep following Him when things are difficult.

Remember, you don't have to wait until you're grown up to live for Jesus. You can know Him, trust Him, and be faithful to Him right now!

MEMORY VERSE

“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.” — Galatians 3:26 (NKJV)

BIG WORDS

- **Saint:** Someone who belongs to God through Jesus Christ.
- **Identity:** Who you are.
- **Born Again:** Becoming part of God's family through faith in Jesus and receiving new life from Him.
- **Holy:** Set apart for God and His purposes.
- **Grace:** God's goodness and kindness toward us that we cannot earn.
- **Faithful:** Staying true to Jesus and continuing to follow Him.
- **Endure:** To keep going and not give up, even when something is hard.
- **Repent:** To turn away from wrong choices and choose God's way instead.

SECTION 1 — I BELONG TO JESUS!

BIG IDEA

In Ephesians 1:1, Paul writes to people he calls saints. A saint isn't someone who has to be perfect or do lots of good things to earn a special title. A saint is someone who belongs to God through Jesus!

Jesus taught that we must be born again. That means we receive new life from God when we believe in Jesus. We don't become part of God's family just because we go to church, know Bible stories, or try to be good. We become God's children through faith in Jesus Christ!

READ ABOUT IT

Ephesians 1:1; John 1:12–13; John 3:3–7; Galatians 3:26

TALK ABOUT IT

1. In Ephesians 1:1, what does Paul call the people he is writing to?
2. According to John 1:12, what happens when someone receives Jesus and believes in His name?
3. In John 3:3, what does Jesus say must happen for someone to see the Kingdom of God?
4. In John 3:6, what does Jesus say about being born of the flesh and being born of the Spirit?
5. According to Galatians 3:26, how do we become children of God?

THINK ABOUT IT

1. **Do I know what makes me part of God's family?** Do I think God accepts me because I'm good, go to church, or know lots of Bible verses? Or do I understand that I need Jesus and must believe in Him?
2. **Do I know who I am in Jesus?** If I belong to Jesus, do I see myself as someone who is part of God's family? How does knowing I belong to Him change the way I think about myself?

3. **Am I learning to know Jesus for myself?** Do I only listen to what others tell me about Jesus, or am I also learning to pray, read His Word, and trust Him? What is one way I can grow in knowing Him?

READ MORE

Romans 3:21–22

SECTION 2 — I LIVE FOR JESUS BECAUSE I BELONG TO HIM!

BIG IDEA

Have you ever tried really hard to be good because you wanted someone to be happy with you? Sometimes we think God works that way, too. We might think He loves us more when we're good and less when we make mistakes.

But God's love isn't something we earn by being good! We don't live holy lives to become saints. We live holy lives because we are saints. When we belong to Jesus, we want our choices to show that we love Him.

We tell the truth, obey, forgive, and show kindness because we love God, not because we're trying to earn His love. God saved us because of His mercy and kindness, not because we did enough good things!

READ ABOUT IT

Titus 3:3–8; Galatians 3:22, 26; Romans 3:21–22

TALK ABOUT IT

1. According to Titus 3:3, what are some ways people lived before following Jesus?
2. In Titus 3:4, what two things about God appeared toward people?
3. According to Titus 3:5, did God save us because of our good works or because of His mercy?
4. What does Galatians 3:26 say about how we become God's children?
5. In Titus 3:8, what does Paul say people who believe in God should be careful to do?

THINK ABOUT IT

1. **Why do I try to do what's right?** Do I obey my parents, tell the truth, and help others only because I want a reward or don't want to get in trouble? How can I make those choices because I love Jesus?
2. **What do I believe God thinks of me when I make a mistake?** Do I think He doesn't want me around anymore? Or do I remember that He loves me and wants me to come to Him and choose His way?
3. **Do my choices show that I belong to Jesus?** Think about how you act at home, at school, and with friends. Is there something you're doing that doesn't show love for Jesus? What would it look like to choose His way instead?

READ MORE

John 1:12–13

SECTION 3 — I'M A SAINT, NOT A SINNER!

BIG IDEA

Jesus came to save sinners and give them new life! Sin is choosing what is wrong instead of God's way. When we believe in Jesus and are born again, our identity changes. We belong to God's family!

That doesn't mean we'll never make another mistake. Even when we belong to Jesus, we can still make wrong choices. But making a wrong choice doesn't mean we stop being someone who belongs to Him.

When we do something wrong, we don't have to hide from God or keep making the same bad choices. We can admit what we did, repent, and run back to Jesus! As God's sons and daughters, we can learn to live according to who we are in Him.

READ ABOUT IT

1 Timothy 1:15; Titus 3:3–8; Ephesians 1:1

TALK ABOUT IT

1. According to 1 Timothy 1:15, who did Jesus come into the world to save?
2. In Titus 3:3, Paul says believers “were also once” foolish and disobedient. Is he talking about who they used to be or who they are now?
3. Compare Titus 3:3 with Titus 3:5–7. What did God do to change the lives of people who were once living in sin?
4. In Titus 3:7, what does Paul say we become because of God's grace?
5. In Ephesians 1:1, Paul calls believers saints. According to Titus 3:8, how should people who believe in God live?

THINK ABOUT IT

1. **Do I remember who I am in Jesus?** When I make a bad choice, do I start thinking I'm just a bad kid? Or do I remember that I belong to Jesus and can choose to do what's right?
2. **Do I use my mistakes as an excuse to keep making them?** Have I ever said, “That's just how I am,” when I get angry, refuse to share, or treat someone badly? If I belong to Jesus, how should that change the choices I make?
3. **What do I do when I know I've done something wrong?** Do I blame someone else, hide what happened, or make excuses? Or do I admit what I did, ask forgiveness, and choose to do things God's way?

READ MORE

John 3:3–7

SECTION 4 — KEEP FOLLOWING JESUS!

BIG IDEA

Have you ever started something exciting but wanted to quit when it got hard? Maybe you were learning to ride a bike, playing a sport, or trying to learn something new. At first, you were excited! But when things got difficult, you wanted to give up.

Following Jesus isn't something we do only when it's easy or exciting. Being faithful means staying true to Jesus and continuing to follow Him through every season of life.

Jesus wants us to keep choosing Him, even when other people don't agree with us, when we have a hard day, or when we don't feel like doing what's right. Being faithful isn't about being perfect. It's about loving Jesus and continuing to follow Him!

READ ABOUT IT

Ephesians 1:1; 1 Corinthians 4:1–2; Matthew 10:22; Matthew 24:13–14; 2 Timothy 4:7

TALK ABOUT IT

1. In Ephesians 1:1, what word does Paul use along with saints to describe the believers?
2. According to 1 Corinthians 4:2, what does God want His servants to be?
3. In Matthew 10:22, what does Jesus say about those who endure to the end?
4. According to Matthew 24:14, what will be preached throughout the world before the end comes?
5. In 2 Timothy 4:7, what three things does Paul say he has done?

THINK ABOUT IT

1. **Do I follow Jesus even when it's hard?** If friends laugh at me for doing what's right, praying, or talking about Jesus, do I stop because I want them to like me? What would staying faithful look like?
2. **Do I only want to follow Jesus when I'm excited?** Is it easy for me to worship and talk about Jesus at church, but harder to obey His Word at home or school? How can I keep choosing Jesus every day?
3. **Can I be trusted to do what I'm supposed to do?** When my parents, teachers, or leaders give me a responsibility, do I do it even when no one is watching? How can being trustworthy show that I'm learning to be faithful?

READ MORE

Mark 13:13; Matthew 25:14–30

SECTION 5 — DON'T GIVE UP! HOLD ON TO JESUS!

BIG IDEA

Have you ever tried to hold onto something for a long time, like a rope or the bars on a playground? After a while, your hands might get tired, and you might feel like letting go!

Sometimes following Jesus can feel difficult, too. We might feel discouraged, make mistakes, or want to give up doing what's right. But we don't have to let go of Jesus!

Sometimes we need to **regrip**. That means choosing to hold on again, even when things have been difficult. When we make mistakes, we can repent and run back to Jesus. When we're tired, we can ask Him for help. And when someone else is struggling, we can encourage them to keep following Him, too!

READ ABOUT IT

Hebrews 3:6, 12–14; Titus 3:4–8; 2 Timothy 4:7

TALK ABOUT IT

1. In Hebrews 3:6, what does the Bible say we should hold onto until the end?
2. According to Hebrews 3:12, what does the Bible warn us not to turn away from?
3. In Hebrews 3:13, what does God tell believers to do for one another every day?
4. According to Hebrews 3:14, how long should we hold onto our confidence in Christ?
5. In Titus 3:4–5, what do we learn about God's love, kindness, and mercy toward us?

THINK ABOUT IT

1. **When do I feel like giving up?** Is there something hard at school, at home, or with friends that makes me want to stop trying to do what's right? What would it look like to trust Jesus and keep going?
2. **What do I do when Jesus shows me I'm wrong?** If I have a bad attitude, say something unkind, or refuse to obey, do I make excuses or choose to change? Is there something I need to admit, apologize for, or do differently right now?
3. **Who can I help keep following Jesus?** Is there a friend, brother, sister, or someone in my group who needs encouragement? What could I say or do to help them stay strong in their faith?

READ MORE

Matthew 10:22; 1 Corinthians 4:1–2

REMEMBER THIS!

I BELONG TO JESUS! I CAN LIVE FOR HIM! I WON'T GIVE UP!

When we believe in Jesus and are born again, we become part of God's family. We don't have to earn His love by being perfect or doing enough good things. We can live for Him because we love Him and belong to Him!

And when life gets hard or we make a mistake, we don't have to give up. We can run back to Jesus, choose His ways, and keep following Him.

You don't have to wait until you're grown up to be faithful to Jesus. You can follow Him at home, at school, with your friends, and everywhere you go.

Know who you are in Jesus, live like you belong to Him, and keep following Him all the way to the end!

