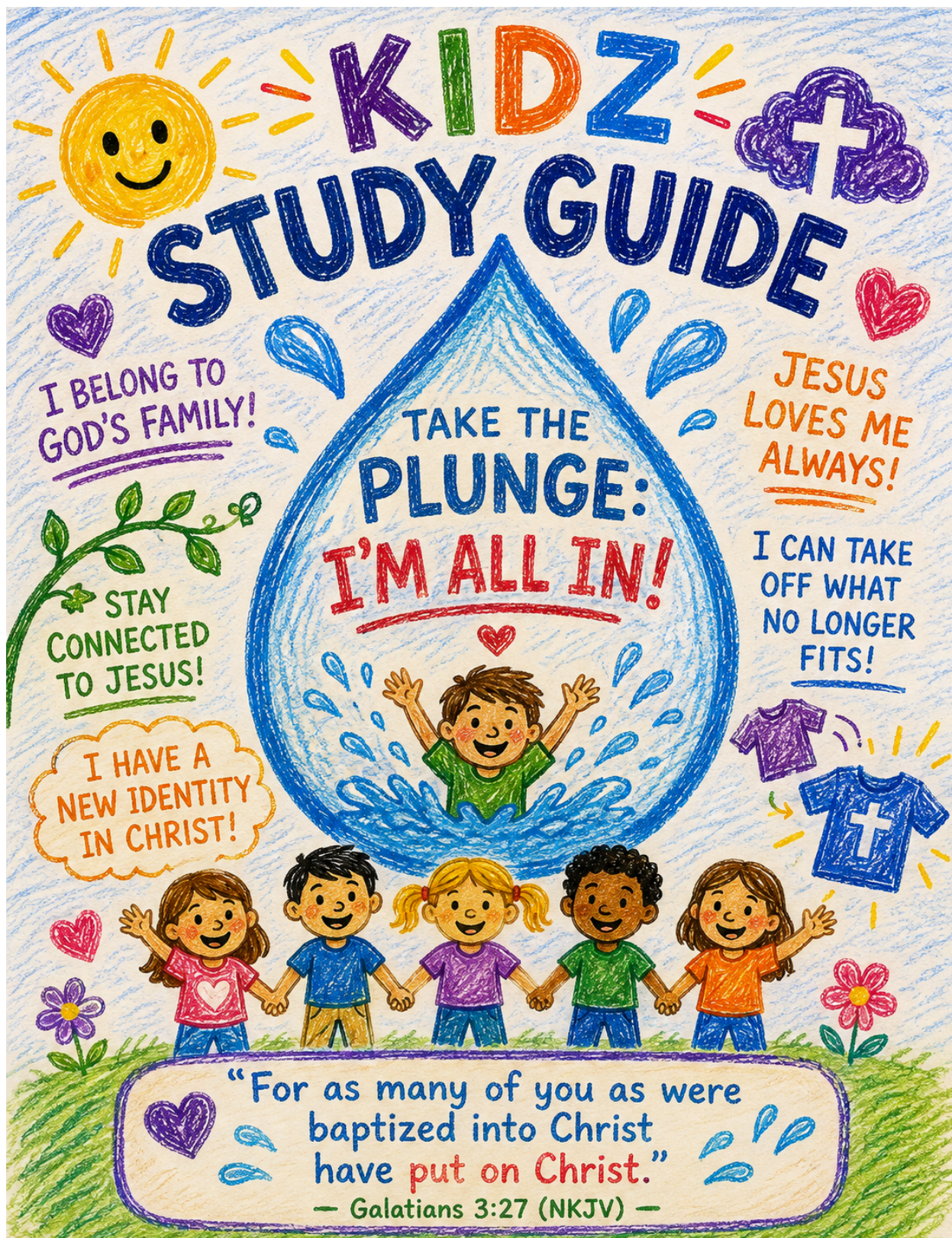




SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY: SONS & DAUGHTERS — TAKE THE PLUNGE: I'M ALL IN

Message from Pastor Chad Everett

OVERVIEW

What does it mean to be all in with Jesus?

The Bible says that through faith in Jesus, we can become sons and daughters of God. That means we belong to God's family.

But following Jesus is not just about going to church or knowing Bible stories. Jesus wants us to be close to Him every day.

Galatians 3:27 says that those who are baptized into Christ have "put on Christ." The word baptized gives us the picture of being completely dipped or covered.

Think about a towel dropped into a bucket of water. If only one corner touches the water, only one corner gets wet. But if the whole towel goes under, it becomes completely soaked.

That is the picture in this message.

Jesus does not want just one little part of our lives. He wants us to be all in.

When we stay close to Jesus, His love, peace, goodness, and life begin to fill us. Then other people can experience Jesus through the way we talk, act, love, forgive, and help.

The Bible also says that when we belong to Jesus, we have a new identity. We can stop living like the old person we used to be and learn to live like the new person God has made us in Christ.

In this study, we will learn how to know who we are, take the plunge with Jesus, stay connected to Him, live from our new identity, and take off the old ways that no longer belong.

HOW TO USE THIS STUDY GUIDE

Read About It → Talk About It → Think About It

Open your Bible and read each passage together.

Look for the answers in the Bible before answering the Talk About It questions.

Then use the Think About It questions to talk about how God's Word connects to your life.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand what it means to belong to Jesus and to show you how to be all in with Him this week.

This guide can be used with your family, your Kidz group, or during a large group discussion.

MEMORY VERSE

“For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

Galatians 3:27 (NKJV)

BIG WORDS

- **Baptized into Christ** = Being joined to Jesus and completely belonging to Him.
 - **Immersed** = Completely covered or surrounded.
 - **Abide** = To stay close and connected.
 - **Identity** = Who you really are.
 - **New Creation** = The new person God makes us when we belong to Jesus.
 - **Put Off** = To stop holding on to an old way of living.
 - **Put On Christ** = To belong to Jesus and live from the new identity He gives us.
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SECTION 1 — KNOW WHO YOU ARE: SONS AND DAUGHTERS THROUGH FAITH

BIG IDEA

Because I believe in Jesus, I can know that I belong to God’s family.

READ ABOUT IT

Galatians 3:26–29

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What does Galatians 3:26 say we become through faith in Jesus?
2. How do we become sons and daughters of God?
3. According to verse 27, what have people who are baptized into Christ put on?
4. What does verse 28 teach us about everyone who belongs to Jesus?
5. What does verse 29 say is true about people who belong to Christ?

THINK ABOUT IT

- What are some things kids sometimes use to decide who they are, like sports, grades, friends, talents, or clothes?
- What happens to your identity if one of those things changes?
- How can remembering that you belong to God help when you feel left out or not good enough?
- What is one time this week when you need to remember, “I belong to Jesus”?

Further Scripture Reading

SECTION 2 — TAKE THE PLUNGE: BE FULLY IMMERSED IN CHRIST

BIG IDEA

Jesus does not want just one little part of my life. I can choose to be all in with Him.

READ ABOUT IT

Galatians 3:26–27

TALK ABOUT IT

1. According to Galatians 3:27, into whom are believers baptized?
2. What does verse 27 say believers have put on?
3. Does the verse say we are baptized into a church building, or into Christ?
4. What does Galatians 3:26 say connects us to Jesus?
5. What do verses 26–27 teach us about belonging to Jesus?

THINK ABOUT IT

- If your life were like a towel being dipped into water, would you want just one corner to belong to Jesus or the whole thing?
- Is there any part of your life where you sometimes want to say, “Jesus, You can have everything except this”?
- What does being all in with Jesus look like at school, at home, or with friends?
- What is one area where you can choose to trust and follow Jesus more this week?

Further Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:26–29

SECTION 3 — STAY CONNECTED AND LET JESUS SPILL OUT OF YOU

BIG IDEA

When I stay connected to Jesus, His life can grow in me and show through me.

READ ABOUT IT

John 15:5; Galatians 3:27

TALK ABOUT IT

1. In John 15:5, who does Jesus say is the vine?

2. Who does Jesus say are the branches?
3. What happens when we stay connected to Jesus?
4. What does Jesus say we can do without Him?
5. What do John 15:5 and Galatians 3:27 teach us about staying close to Jesus?

THINK ABOUT IT

- What are some ways you can stay connected to Jesus during the week?
- When you are worried, upset, or frustrated, do you usually try to fix everything yourself or go to Jesus?
- What might someone notice about you if Jesus' love and goodness were "spilling out" of your life?
- Who is one person you can show the love of Jesus to this week?

Further Scripture Reading

John 15:1–8

SECTION 4 — PUT ON CHRIST: YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN A NEW IDENTITY

BIG IDEA

Because I belong to Jesus, He has made me new.

READ ABOUT IT

Galatians 3:27; Colossians 3:9–11; 2 Corinthians 5:17

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What does Galatians 3:27 say believers have put on?
2. What does Colossians 3:9 say believers have put off?
3. What does Colossians 3:10 say believers have put on?
4. Whose image are we being changed to look more like?
5. What does 2 Corinthians 5:17 say about someone who is in Christ?

THINK ABOUT IT

- Have you ever thought something bad you did meant you were a bad person forever?
- What does it mean to know that Jesus has made you new?
- What old name or label do you sometimes put on yourself that God does not want you to carry?
- How can remembering that you belong to Jesus help you make a good choice?

Further Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17

SECTION 5 — TAKE OFF WHAT NO LONGER FITS

BIG IDEA

Old ways do not have to control me because Jesus has made me new.

READ ABOUT IT

Colossians 3:8–11; 2 Corinthians 5:17

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What things does Colossians 3:8 tell us to put off?
2. What does verse 9 tell us not to do?
3. According to verses 9–10, what have believers put off and put on?
4. What does verse 10 say is happening to the new person?
5. What does 2 Corinthians 5:17 say has happened to the old things?

THINK ABOUT IT

- Is there an old attitude or behavior that sometimes tries to come back, like anger, lying, mean words, or being unkind?
- When you make a wrong choice, does that mean Jesus has stopped making you new?
- What should you do when you realize you have done something that does not fit who you are in Jesus?
- What is one old way you want God to help you take off this week?

Further Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:8–11

FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

Jesus wants all of you. He does not want only your Sunday, only your prayers, or only the parts of your life that are easy to give Him. He invites you to take the plunge and be all in.

When you stay close to Jesus, He gives you what you need. Just like a branch gets its life from the vine, you can receive life from Jesus by staying connected to Him.

And the more you are filled with Jesus, the more His love, kindness, peace, and goodness can spill out to the people around you.

You also do not have to keep wearing the old things that do not fit anymore. Anger, lying, mean words, and old ways do not have to decide who you are.

If you belong to Jesus, He has made you new. Take the plunge. Stay connected. Remember who you are. Be all in with Jesus.



ACTIVITY — I'M ALL IN!

Draw a big water drop. Inside the drop, write: I'M ALL IN WITH JESUS!

Around the drop, write or draw 3 ways you can stay close to Jesus.

Examples: pray, read the Bible, worship, obey, love others.
