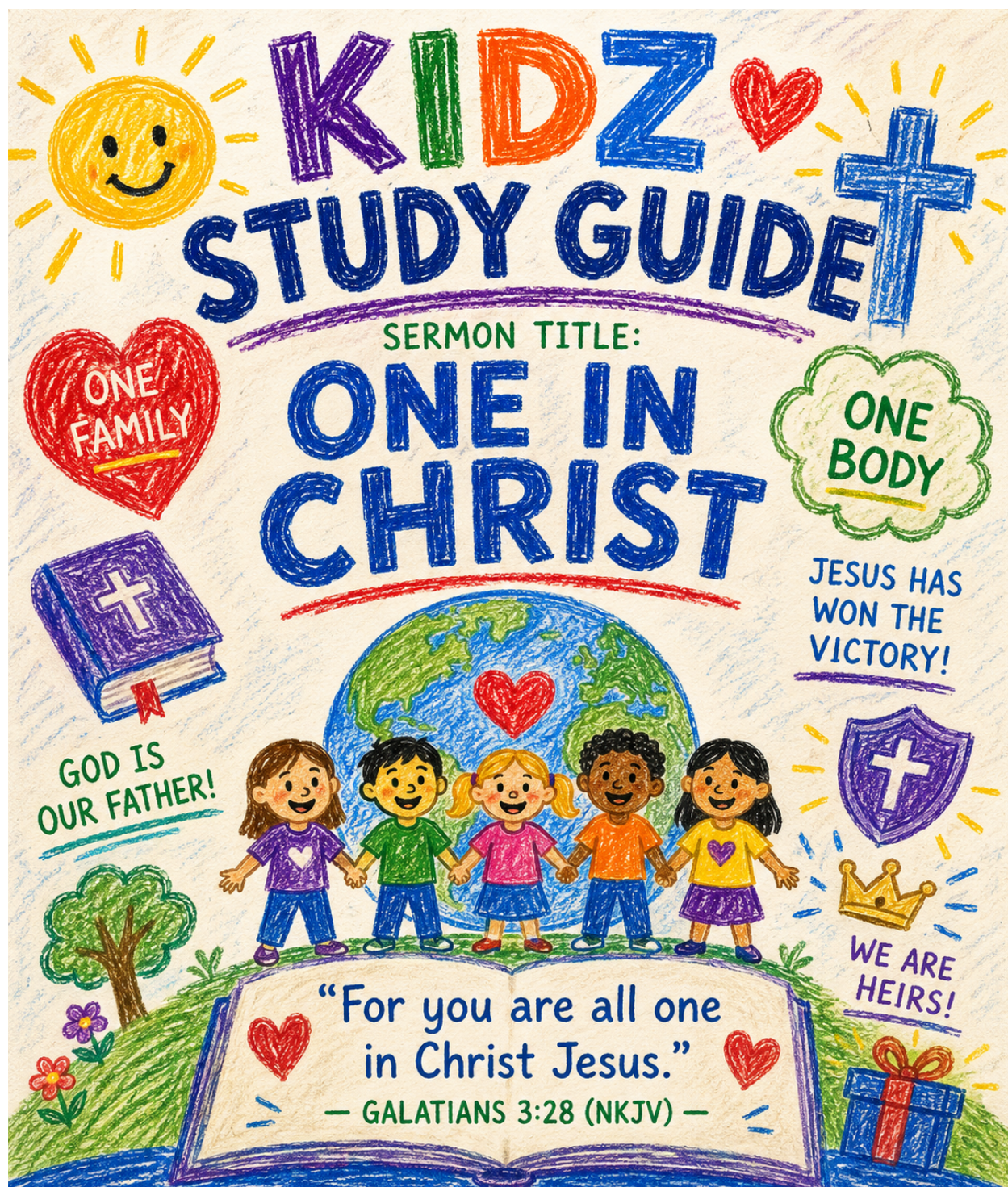




SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY: SONS & DAUGHTERS — ONE IN CHRIST

Message from Pastor Chad Everett

OVERVIEW

What does it mean to be part of God's family?

The Bible says that through faith in Jesus, we become sons and daughters of God. We belong to Him, and everyone who belongs to Jesus becomes part of one family.

In Galatians 3:28, Paul talks about different kinds of people. Some came from different nations and families. Some were rich and some were poor. Some were men and some were women. But Paul tells them something very important: **“you are all one in Christ Jesus.”**

Our differences do not make one person more important to God than another. We do not have to compete with each other or push someone else down to feel important. Jesus wants His family to love, encourage, and build one another up.

The Bible also says that everyone who belongs to Jesus is part of one body. Just like your body has different parts that do different jobs, people in God's family are different and can do different things. But we all need each other.

There is even more good news! Galatians 3:29 says that when we belong to Christ, we are heirs according to God's promise. An heir is someone who receives what has been given to them. Because we are God's children, He is our Father, and we can receive what He has promised through Jesus.

Jesus has already won the victory over the enemy. We do not have to live afraid. We can trust what Jesus has done and learn to live like sons and daughters who know they belong to their Father.

In this study, we will learn how to be one in Christ, live as one body, know that we belong to God's family, trust Jesus' victory, and receive what our Father has promised.

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 see other believers as part of God's family and show you how you can love, encourage, and build them up.

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

 MEMORY VERSE

“For you are all one in Christ Jesus.” - Galatians 3:28 (NKJV)

BIG WORDS

- **One in Christ** = Everyone who belongs to Jesus is joined together in Him.
 - **Body of Christ** = All the people who belong to Jesus. We are different members, but together we are one body.
 - **Heir** = Someone who receives what has been given or promised to them.
 - **Promise** = Something someone says they will do. God always keeps His promises.
 - **Abba** = A word for father that shows a close relationship.
 - **Authority** = The right or power to act. Our spiritual authority comes from Jesus and His victory.
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SECTION 1 — ONE IN CHRIST: JESUS IS WHAT UNITES US

BIG IDEA

We may be different from one another, but everyone who belongs to Jesus is one in Christ.

READ ABOUT IT

Galatians 3:26–29; Romans 10:12–13

TALK ABOUT IT

1. According to Galatians 3:26, how do we become sons and daughters of God?
2. What different groups of people does Galatians 3:28 name?
3. What does Galatians 3:28 say about everyone who is in Christ Jesus?
4. According to Romans 10:12, is the Lord different toward Jews and Greeks?
5. According to Romans 10:13, who will be saved?

THINK ABOUT IT

- Do you ever stay away from someone because they look, act, or live differently from you?
- Is there something about yourself—like your friends, sports, school, or family—that sometimes feels more important than belonging to Jesus?
- What is one way you can show someone this week that they are important and welcome?

Further Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:26–29; Romans 10:12–13

SECTION 2 — ONE BODY: WE BELONG TO EACH OTHER

BIG IDEA

God made us different, but everyone who belongs to Jesus is part of one body.

READ ABOUT IT

Romans 12:4–5; Galatians 3:28

TALK ABOUT IT

1. According to Romans 12:4, does one body have just one member or many members?
2. Does every part of the body have the same job?
3. According to Romans 12:5, what are believers together in Christ?
4. What does Romans 12:5 say about how we belong to one another?
5. How does Galatians 3:28 describe everyone who is in Christ Jesus?

THINK ABOUT IT

- Do you think of the other kids and adults at church as part of your church family?
- Have you ever compared yourself to someone else or wished you could do what they can do?
- What is one way you can encourage or help someone else in God's family this week?

Further Scripture Reading

Romans 12:4–5; Galatians 3:28

SECTION 3 — YOU BELONG TO CHRIST: YOU ARE AN HEIR

BIG IDEA

Because I belong to Jesus, I belong to God's family and can trust His promises.

READ ABOUT IT

Galatians 3:7, 16, 26–29

TALK ABOUT IT

1. According to Galatians 3:7, who are called sons of Abraham?

2. According to Galatians 3:16, to whom did God make His promises?
3. Who does Galatians 3:16 say the promised Seed is?
4. According to Galatians 3:29, whose seed are people who belong to Christ?
5. According to Galatians 3:29, what do people who belong to Christ become?

THINK ABOUT IT

- Have you ever felt left out or like you did not belong? How does knowing you belong to Jesus help you?
- Do you ever think you have to be extra good before God will love you or let you come close to Him?
- How can remembering that you belong to God's family help you talk to Him when you pray?

Further Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:7–9, 16, 26–29

SECTION 4 — JESUS HAS ALREADY WON THE VICTORY

BIG IDEA

I do not have to be afraid of the enemy because Jesus has already won.

READ ABOUT IT

Genesis 3:15; Galatians 3:16; Romans 16:20

TALK ABOUT IT

1. According to Genesis 3:15, who would be enemies?
2. What does Genesis 3:15 say the woman's Seed would do to the serpent's head?
3. According to Galatians 3:16, who is the promised Seed?
4. According to Romans 16:20, who will crush Satan?
5. According to Romans 16:20, where will Satan be crushed?

THINK ABOUT IT

- When you feel afraid, do you sometimes forget that Jesus is stronger than what scares you?
- What fear or worry do you need to trust Jesus with right now?
- What could you remind yourself about Jesus the next time you feel afraid?

Further Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:15; Galatians 3:16; Romans 16:20

SECTION 5 — GOD IS YOUR FATHER: RECEIVE WHAT HE HAS GIVEN YOU

BIG IDEA

I am God's child, and I can trust my Father and receive what He has promised.

READ ABOUT IT

Romans 8:14–17; Psalm 103:1–5

TALK ABOUT IT

1. According to Romans 8:14, who are called sons of God?
2. According to Romans 8:15, what Spirit have we received, and what can we call God?
3. According to Romans 8:16, what does the Holy Spirit tell us about who we are?
4. According to Romans 8:17, what are we because we are God's children?
5. What good things from God does Psalm 103:1–5 tell us not to forget?

THINK ABOUT IT

- When you make a wrong choice, do you ever feel like you have to hide from God or earn His love again?
- Which good thing from Psalm 103:1–5 do you especially want to thank God for today?
- What is one way you can remember this week that God is your Father and you are His child?

Further Scripture Reading

Romans 8:14–17; Psalm 103:1–5

FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

If you belong to Jesus, you are part of God's family and one body in Christ.

You do not have to compete, compare, or push others down. You can love, encourage, and build others up.

Jesus has already won the victory, and God is your Father. You can trust Him, receive what He has promised, and remember who you are.

You are God's child. You belong to His family. Be one in Christ.

"Let's stop dividing ourselves amongst ourselves ... let's unite under Jesus Christ."



ACTIVITY — ONE FAMILY, ONE BODY!

Draw a big circle and write **JESUS** in the middle.

Around Jesus, draw several different people holding hands. Make them look different from one another. Above your picture write:

WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST!

Then choose **one person** you can encourage, help, include, or show kindness to this week.

Write their name underneath your picture and finish this sentence:

This week I can show God's family love by _____.