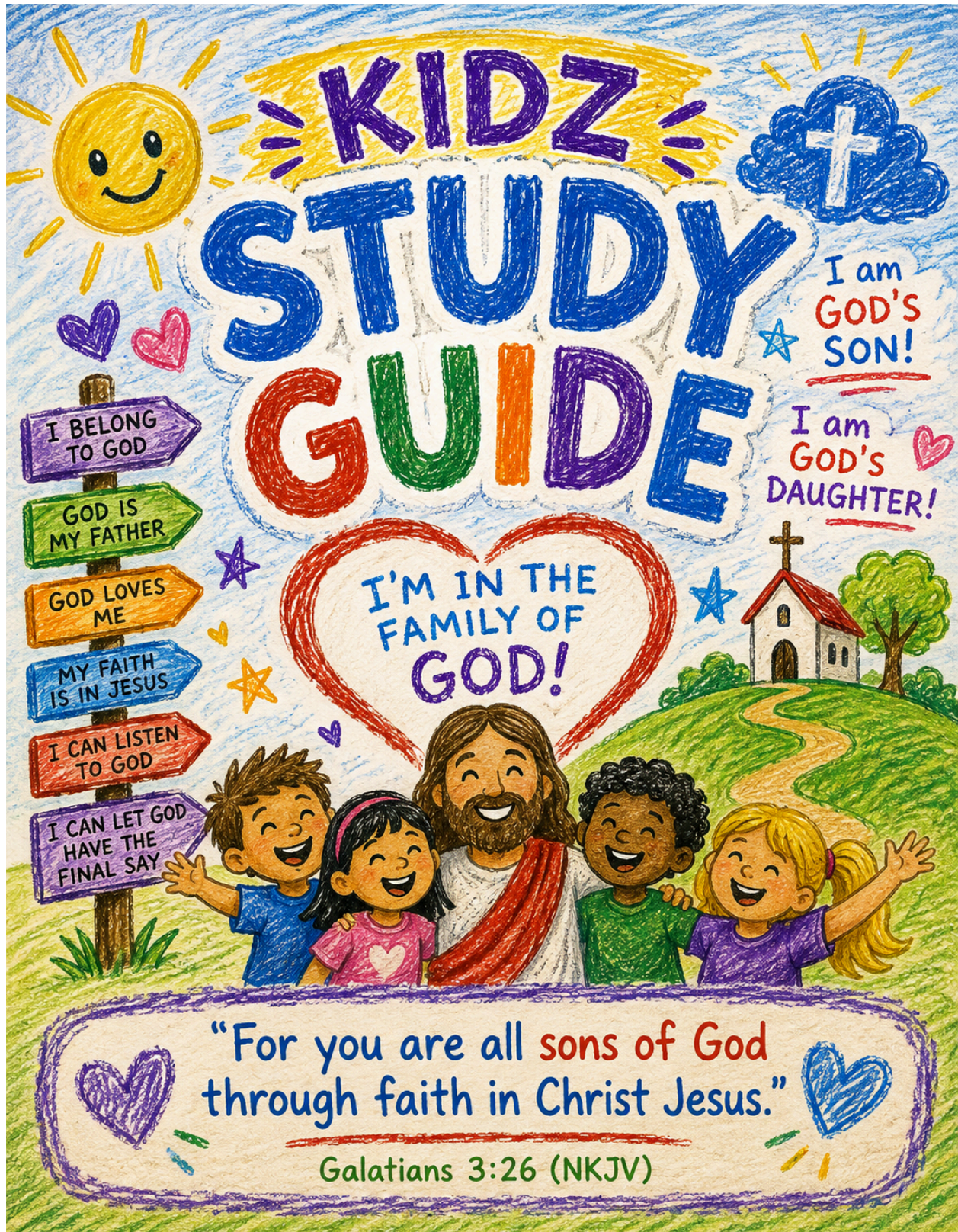




SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY: SONS & DAUGHTERS - IDENTITY

Message from Pastor Chad Everett

OVERVIEW

Who are you?

You might answer that question by saying your name, what grade you are in, what sports you play, what you are good at, or what you like to do. Those things tell us something about you, but they are not the most important thing about who you are.

The Bible says that through faith in Jesus, we can become sons and daughters of God. That means God is our Father, we belong to His family, and He loves us.

Pastor Chad said: “Your identity is found in your relationship with Jesus. That you were created to be a son or daughter of God.”

Being God’s son or daughter also changes how we live. We can trust what God says about us, grow to be more like Him, put our faith in Jesus, and let God have the final say in our choices.

In this study, we will learn what the Bible says about who we are, how much our Father loves us, why our faith belongs in Jesus, and what it looks like to live like we belong to God.

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 who you are as God’s son or daughter and show you how to follow Him this week.

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

MEMORY VERSE

“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”

Galatians 3:26 (NKJV)

BIG WORDS

- Identity = Who you really are.
- Son or Daughter of God = Someone who belongs to God's family through faith in Jesus.
- Faith = Believing and trusting Jesus.
- Father = God loves us, cares for us, and leads us as His children.
- Surrender = Letting God have the final say instead of always doing what we want.
- Reflect = To show what someone is like. God's children should show others what their Father is like.

SECTION 1 — KNOW WHO YOU ARE

BIG IDEA

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

READ ABOUT IT

Galatians 3:26–29; 1 John 3:1

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What does Galatians 3:26 say people who believe in Jesus are called?
2. How do we become sons and daughters of God?
3. What does Galatians 3:28 teach us about everyone who belongs to Jesus?
4. What does Galatians 3:29 say about people who belong to Christ?
5. What does 1 John 3:1 say God's love allows us to be called?

THINK ABOUT IT

- What are some things people sometimes use to decide who they are—sports, grades, friends, clothes, talents, or something else?
- What would happen if one of those things changed? Would you still belong to God?
- How can remembering "I am God's son" or "I am God's daughter" help you when you feel left out, not good enough, or unsure of yourself?

Further Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:23–25

SECTION 2 — KNOW YOUR FATHER'S LOVE

BIG IDEA

I belong to God's family, and my life can show others what my Father is like.

READ ABOUT IT

John 17:20–23

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Who was Jesus praying for in John 17:20?
2. What did Jesus pray His followers would become?
3. What did Jesus say He gave to His followers?
4. Why did Jesus want His followers to be one?
5. What does John 17:23 tell us about how much the Father loves those who belong to Jesus?

THINK ABOUT IT

- When you think about God as your Father, what do you think He is like?
- Do you ever think God loves you more when you are doing everything right? What does this passage help us remember?
- If you are God's child, what is one way you can act more like your heavenly Father?
- What could someone learn about God by watching the way you treat people?

Further Scripture Reading

John 17:24–26

SECTION 3 — PUT YOUR FAITH IN JESUS

BIG IDEA

I do not have to earn my place in God's family. I trust Jesus and what He has done for me.

READ ABOUT IT

Galatians 3:6–14, 26

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What did Abraham do that God counted as righteousness?
2. Who does Galatians 3:7 say are sons of Abraham?
3. Who does verse 9 say receives the blessing with Abraham?
4. What did Jesus do for us in verse 13?
5. How does verse 14 say we receive the promise of the Holy Spirit?
6. Who does Galatians 3:26 say our faith should be in?

THINK ABOUT IT

- Have you ever thought you had to be “good enough” for God to love or accept you?
- When your feelings tell you one thing but the Bible says something different, which one should you trust?
- Pastor Chad said, “It's not about the intensity of my faith. It's about the object of my faith.” Who is the One we are trusting?
- What is one thing you can choose to trust Jesus with this week?

Further Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:15–18

SECTION 4 — LET YOUR FATHER HAVE THE FINAL SAY

BIG IDEA

If God is my Father, I want to listen to Him and follow His ways.

READ ABOUT IT

Matthew 13:36–43; John 8:37–47

TALK ABOUT IT

1. In Matthew 13:37–38, who plants the good seed, and who are the good seeds?
2. Who are the weeds, and who planted them?
3. What does Jesus say Abraham's children would do in John 8:39?
4. What does Jesus say people would do if God were truly their Father?
5. Who does Jesus say the religious leaders were following in verse 44?
6. What did their choices show about whose desires they were following?
7. What does verse 47 say someone who belongs to God does?

THINK ABOUT IT

- Who usually gets the final say when you really want something but you know God says something different?
- Is there something God has been asking you to do that you have been fighting against?
- What do your choices show about who you are listening to?
- What is one choice you can make this week that shows, "God, I want Your way"?

Further Scripture Reading

John 8:31–36

FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

Your identity is bigger than what you are good at, what other people think about you, or even how you feel today.

Through faith in Jesus, you can belong to God's family as His son or daughter. God is your Father. He loves you, and He wants your life to show others what He is like.

You do not have to earn His love. Put your faith in Jesus and let God lead your life.

"Your identity is found in your relationship with Jesus. That you were created to be a son or daughter of God."

Know who you are. Know whose you are. Live like you belong to the Father.



ACTIVITY — WHO GOD SAYS I AM

At the top of a piece of paper, write: I AM GOD'S SON or I AM GOD'S DAUGHTER

Draw a picture of yourself as part of God's family with Jesus,
and with other people who love and follow God.
