

Family Worship Response

Elementary

Purpose: Just like the Ephesians we can forget our identity in Christ. God chose us to be a part of His family. In Christ, we're chosen, redeemed, blessed, forgiven, given an inheritance, given new life, saved, brought near, made members of God's household, unified with all believers, and children of light (Ephesians 5:8). Like Paul lets remind those we love of their true identity.

Supplies for Activity: *for each person*

- Paper
- Bibles
- Writing Utensil

Activity:

- Have each person pick someone to write a blessing
- This blessing will be speaking true identity
- Have everyone find a quiet spot in the house and begin to pray for the Holy Spirit to give your true identities to write down for the person you picked
- Feel free to look in your Bible for help know what God says our true identities are

Connection:

- We tend to talk more about what people do like talents, but we rarely speak true identity over one another
- Read these truths over one another so that we can be reminded that our identity doesn't come from what we do but who's we are.

Family Discussion:

- What was your favorite identity that was spoken over you today?
- Why is it important for us to know our true identity?

Family Activity

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"God Calls Us His Own" Identity Poster Activity Purpose:

1 John 3:1: See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him."

God created each one of us in His likeness to reflect a portion of Who He is. We each have unique attributes and interests, but through Jesus, we are all God's children. Today's activity will allow families an opportunity to reflect on who they are in Christ as well as consider what makes them one-of-a-kind individuals. Use this poster as a reminder of God's purpose and blessings in our lives.

Supplies Needed:

- Bibles
- Scissors (1 pair per child)
- Magazines (1 for every 1-2 children, age-appropriate)
- Construction paper or poster board (depending on the size you want)
- Glue sticks (1 per child)
- Colored pencils or markers, other misc. art supplies

Action:

- Read aloud *Ephesians 1:1-14*. As this is read, discuss who God says you are and write down any truths that stand out to you.
- Write your name or cut out magazine letters to paste on the center of the construction paper or poster.
- Look through some magazines and cut out images and words that relate to who God says you are and what interests you. You may also choose to draw pictures.
- Decorate your poster with stickers, glitter, or whatever you'd like.
- Hang your Identity Poster in your room as a daily reminder of who you are!

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God Statement: God Calls Us His Own

Family Memory Verse: 1 John 3:1a 'See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

Blessing: May you know that your Heavenly Father loves you. May you know, through Jesus, that you've been chosen to be God's own and that He loves you just as you are.

Lesson: Paul in Ephesus

Scriptures: Acts 19; Ephesians 1

Discussion Questions:

1. Why was Paul in Ephesus? (To tell the people about the Good News, Jesus Christ)
2. What are some things that describe you on the outside? (for example, hair color, best subject in school, or hobbies)
3. What does the world tell us to place our identity in? (for example, appearance, social status, money)
4. What are some words that describe the way God sees us? (Ephesians 1:4-5 Holy, Blameless, Adopted, Loved, Chosen)
5. How does it make you feel to know that God "chose [you] in Him before the creation of the world"? Ephesians 1:4
6. What things, if any, make it hard to remember your identity as God's child? (lies, forgetting what God says, Believing others or even ourselves over God's truths)
7. How does knowing you belong to God affect your daily life?