



Christ-centered identity empowers kids to overcome the world's labels.

1. Kids Need to Know They are _____ Known by God

Psalm 139:1–6. “Lord, you have searched me and known me.”

- Matthew 10:30
- Hebrews 4:13
- Hebrews 11:1
- I am loved.
- I am seen.
- I am chosen.
- I belong to God

Children discover God's love and identity through hearing and reading the Bible.

2. Kids Need to Know They are Never _____ God's Reach

Psalm 139:7–12 “Where can I go to escape your Spirit?”

- Joshua 1:9
- Isaiah 41:10
- Romans 8:38–39

*I can pray about anything anytime anywhere.
I can pray about everything every day everywhere.
God hears me and answers my prayers.
God listens to me and really cares.*

Kids who learn to pray will never face life alone.

3. Kids Need to Know They were _____ with Purpose

Psalm 139:13–16 “You knit me together in my mother's womb.”

- Ephesians 1:4–5
- Genesis 1:27
- Jeremiah 29:11

Kids who know they were created by God for a purpose will grow up looking for ways to serve, love, and make a difference.

4. Kids Need to Know God's _____ Toward Them are Precious

Psalm 139:17–18. “God, how precious your thoughts are to me.”

- Zephaniah 3:17
- John 3:1
- Philippians 1:6

When kids know they are loved by God, they will boldly share His love with others.

What children hear repeatedly shapes what they believe about themselves—God says WE are chosen, precious, and deeply loved.

Family Blessing

Heavenly Father, WE thank you for this next generation and offer this blessing.
May the Lord cover you with the full armor and favor of the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.

Helmet of Salvation.

May your minds be renewed daily by the Holy Spirit, centered on righteousness, and protected from the patterns of this world. May you discern what God's good, acceptable, and perfect will is, and may your thoughts dwell on truth, purity, and love. May your mouth be filled with God's praise, and His Gospel of peace (Philippians 4:8–9).

Sword of the Spirit

May you be strengthened by **the Word of God**, which is the **Sword of His Spirit**.
May His Word be a lamp to your feet and a light to your path (Psalm 119:105). May it guide you, teach you, correct you, and train you in righteousness, equipping you for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16–17).

Shield of Faith.

May your faith in God be strong, unwavering, and victorious over every scheme of the enemy. Like Abraham, may you walk by faith; like Noah, may you remain true to God in a world of opposition. May you grow into men and women of deep, enduring faith (Galatians 2:15–21; Hebrews 11).

Shoes of the Gospel

May your feet be fitted with the **Readiness of the Gospel of Peace**.
May the Lord set your steps firmly upon His way. May you walk in His peace and be clothed in His love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control (Psalm 18:33; Galatians 5:22–23).

Breast Plate of Righteousness

May you wear the **Breastplate of God's Righteousness**.
May you love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength (Deuteronomy 6:5). Like Barnabas, may you be good, full of the Holy Spirit and faith (Acts 11:24). Like David, may you have a heart after God, protected from evil and kept pure in His sight.

Belt of Truth

May you be fitted with the **Belt of Truth**.
May you know Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6). May God's truth lead you and sanctify you (Psalm 25:5; John 17:17). May His power and presence surround you so that you may resist every deception and walk securely in His truth.

And may you always rest under the **shadow of the Almighty**.

May He deliver you from evil, seal you with His Holy Spirit, and bless you with supernatural favor. May you mature as prayer warriors and bold witnesses of the Gospel, turning your world toward Jesus with grace, mercy, and courage.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace—now and all the days of your life.

In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

SUMMER SERIES



We are fallen creatures made in the image of God. That inner conflict defines us as individuals, and it defines how God wants us to live in a world full of other fallen image bearers. "Living in the Tension" walks through the Beatitudes Jesus taught in Matthew 5, showing how the self-centered values of this world are in stark contrast with the values of God's kingdom.