



5th Grade Video Scripts - Invitation to Identity

5th grade does not even seem real to most parents. Just yesterday we dropped them off for their first day of kindergarten, and now they are in their final year of elementary school. Your child is excited to finally be at the top of the school food chain, but you know what is next. You know right around the corner, in a matter of days, you will be facing the dreaded middle school years. The unknowns ahead stress out most parents and children. New school, new teachers, new rules, new schedule, new responsibilities, and new challenges can be a little overwhelming. We want to help you maximize this final year of elementary school by helping your child discover their identity.

This year, we are inviting your child to the Family Experience called "Invitation to Identity." A child who knows who they are will have confidence heading into a season of change. Before things begin to shift and they face new voices challenging them to be something they are not, we want you, as a parent, to be able to help your 5th grader discover what makes them stand out above the crowd. God only made one version of your child, so this year, help them discover why that is so important.

We will help you do this by giving you 3 Kick-starters that will build a foundation to begin this year's Family Experience. These Kick-starters are expounded upon in our Kick-starter Guide and will focus on the fact that your child was made for a purpose, that

God has a bigger plan, and they have a need to be authentic. Each of these topics will expose a little piece of your child's identity. The Kick-starter Guide will have questions and activities for you that set up the Family Experience Ceremony in which we give a symbol reminding them of their identity. You will find tools to help you in planning this experience by going to our Parent Planning Guide. This experience will be an incredible time for you to bless your child as they head toward their middle school years. First, we want you to present your child with notes from people that they love and respect, which would share with them strong character traits they see in them. You can put these in a special scrapbook if you like, or just give them the notes. Next, we are asking you to think through an identity symbol for your child and give them a gift that connects to the symbol. For our daughter, her identity symbol is the owl, which stands for wisdom. When she sees this symbol she knows that is the trait we see in her. Your symbol and gift will simply need to connect with your child. It could be a gift that will be practical that they will need in middle school, or it could be symbolic like our gift for our daughter. No matter the gift, the important thing is that it connects as a symbol of their identity.

For your 5th grader, this time in school can be difficult, but your child can feel much more prepared as they now have the tool of standing on the identity that God has given them.