

BIBLE STUDY: iDentity

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Part One: iCreated (by God)

My Plain Ol' Rock Time

All about my rock...

Name-

History-

How it got its shapes/marks etc.-

Why it's unique-

Psalm 139

1. Where can you ever go that God is not there? (*verse 7-10*)
2. What is a good thing about God being there, wherever you go? (*verse 10*)
3. What are some “not-so-good” things about God seeing and knowing whatever you do and wherever you go?
4. Biologically, we know that human conception happens when a sperm joins an egg. What do verses 13-16 say about how we are formed?
5. What does verse 16 indicate about every moment of your life?
6. Someone says to you, “All life is basically an accident; it’s about luck and chance.” From what you see in Psalm 139, how would you respond?

1 John 4:9-16

7. According to these verses, the God who created us has an incredible love for us. What is the clearest indication of that love? (*verse 10*)
8. Compared to how most people respond when you wrong them, how does God respond? How do you absolutely know you are forgiven and loved by God even when you don't feel it? (
9. 1 John 4:16 tells us three things that God has created us for. What are they?

I am _____ by God to _____, _____ and _____ in His love
through _____.

When I'm feeling like a plain ol' rock, I will remember...

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Part Two: iChosen (by God)

Sticks and Stones

1. As a kid, what were some of the nicknames people called you? Which ones did you like? Which ones didn't you like? Why?
2. What are some negative names that people your age commonly use to put each other down?
3. What are some names that you and your friends use for each other that are positive and encouraging?

1 Peter 2:9-10

4. 1 Peter 2:9 lists four blessings that come from our identity in Christ. What are they?

How about a royal priesthood?

A holy nation?

People belonging to God?
6. This all sounds great, but when we consider our lives—our thoughts, words, actions and who we are, why might we be tempted to believe that God would not call or choose us?
7. If we often don't deserve God's mercy, why does He still give it to us and choose us? (*see Rom.5:8-10*)
8. In worship, how are we assured of our chosenness in God's sight?
9. If God were to say "(Your name) you are chosen by Me and belong to Me," what difference would that make in
 - a) the way you see your self?
 - b) the way you act?

Peter reminds us that God has given each of us an incredible identity through Jesus Christ: Chosen by Him in love and belonging to Him as His very own.

Aside from looking kind of funny, what difference would it make in the way you see yourself and the way you act if you walked around with a huge sign around your neck that read, "Chosen and loved by God!"?

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Part Three: iWorth (by God)

What makes your rock worth \$100,000?

What's it worth?

Lung:

Kidney:

Heart:

What do you think?

1. What about you? If you were measured by the world, would you be worth much?
2. Why do you think some teens (if not all) struggle with their self worth?
3. How does a low self worth affect the way people act and live?

Matthew 13:14

4. If the treasure is the kingdom of God...

What is the field?

Who is the man?

5. Read John 3:16, then rethink the parable. If the treasure is us...

What is the field?

Who is the man?

What is the cost the man pays to get the treasure?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (10 min.)

6. What have you been bought from? What have you been bought for?

Because of the price Jesus Christ paid, in God's eyes I am worth...

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Use what you wrote as a closing prayer.

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Part Four: iNamed (by God)

What's in a name?

My name:

All about my name:

1. Do you like your name? Why or why not?
2. How does your name fit your personality? If you could choose another name for yourself, what would it be and why?

Ephesians 1:3-14 (20 min)

Names God Gives Me

Example:

Holy

Real People Definition

Set apart by God for His special purpose

How it Helps Me

When I think that I am set apart for God's purposes, it helps me to make more positive choices with my words & actions at school.

The next time I feel like a plain 'ol rock, I will remember I am...