



5th Grade Video Scripts - Invitation to Identity

Why...

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 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. This year 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 discover their identity. When a child knows who they are they can have confidence headed 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. This year you have the chance while their hearts are open to you to express what you see in your child and in the process they will discover their identity.

God only made one version of your child so this year help them discover why that is so important. Invite your 5th grader to discover their identity. Your next step is to check

out the how to video and get ready for an incredible year!

How...

Who am I? That's a pretty big question for a kid to ask. Maybe a better way to frame the question for a child is, what makes me different from everyone else? This year we are inviting our child to discover their identity and you as a parent are going to play a huge role in that process. In the coming months you will get to lead your child to discover what makes them stand out. Here is how we are going to get there.

Your first step this year is to carve out some time with your child for three kickstarter experiences where you sit down for just a few minutes, read a key passage of the Bible together, process an idea, and then allow them on their own to process through an activity. These three experiences will focus on the fact that your child was made for a purpose, that God has a bigger plan, and the need be authentic. Each of these topics will expose a little piece of your child's identity.

Your next step is to prepare for the rite of passage experience. 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 influential people around your child sharing with them strong character traits they see in them. You can put these in a 5th grade scrapbook if you like or



just give them the notes. Also 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 what 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. It could be symbolic like our gift for our daughter. No matter, make sure it connects as a symbol of their identity.

Use this experience to help infuse confidence in the heart of your 5th grader!