

Thankful To Belong



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Superkids, this time of year I think about being thankful on purpose (a good idea all year long). I have so much to be thankful for. First, I'm thankful to be a child of God, to be loved by Jesus! He's given me a beautiful life. I'm thankful to have a great family and wonderful friends. I know I am loved.

You could say, I am thankful to BELONG.

It's wonderful to be settled in who you are. This is important to what we've been talking about lately—identity. Knowing who you are, your identity, gives you the sense of belonging everyone is looking for. True belonging comes from knowing God, and when He's part of your family life, you don't have to be perfect, you can be yourself! In fact, what I love most about kids is that they know how to just be themselves without thinking about it. I love it that you're goofy, smart, creative and funny; and I wish I could meet every single one of you! When you belong to God, you can run to Him in trouble and talk to Him anytime, trouble or no trouble. The Lord wants you to know He is there with you all the time and He REALLY likes to talk to you. As we found out last month, He answers back. He wants to settle all your concerns and questions as you sit and talk together.

I want to say something to you that I want you to really think about. It's a simple thing but we all, adults and kids, need to be **SETTLED** in our hearts that we are His. Read it more than once if you need to until it sinks in:

When you hear Jesus tell you that you are His, you won't have to try to remember you are a child of God, you

will begin to just **BE** a child of God!

Let me explain. Think about your parents. Do you have to remind yourself that you are your parents' child? Do you have to remember to **BE** their child? NO. You probably don't even think about it!

Kids don't have to worry about what to eat, how to pay the bills or where to live because good parents help their kids be at peace about the details of life. Even when families may not have enough food or money or they go through hard times, godly parents do their best to make sure their children don't worry about it. When scary things happen, good parents bring peace just by being there! That's why kids run to their parents' room during a storm!

Children with good parents and families don't have to remind themselves they

are safe; they're just at peace knowing mom and/or dad will take care of any trouble.

This is how knowing your identity affects your life. For a child without that good parent figure, the storm is scary and there is nowhere to turn. Your identity in a safe home, tells you that you belong to something and someone bigger than you and you are safe. It's the same with our heavenly Father and your big Brother, Jesus.

Kids, if you don't have that kind of home, never forget that you have a heavenly Father and you belong to Him! You have a **BIG** Brother who is **always** there to talk to! Let's take some time today and express our thanks to the Father and Jesus and Holy Spirit. Think about how you belong to God. Ask Him to settle your heart that you know you are His child. Ask Him about your worries. He wants to give you His peace.

Superkid, one more thing, let's stop and thank Him for our parents and our families. Maybe they need to hear us say that we love and appreciate them for being faithful to care for us and love us. Let's look around at all the gifts the Lord has placed in our lives and be settled in His goodness!

Thank YOU for sticking with me, Superkids. I'm thankful for you. My life wouldn't be the same without you!

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