

We are now in Week 2 of our series, “*Who Am I?*” This week, we’ll be diving into Ephesians 2:1-10, one of my favorite passages in all of Scripture. In these verses, Paul paints a vivid picture of who we were before coming to know Jesus: dead in our sins, following the desires of Satan, and utterly unable to change our situation on our own. It was a truly hopeless state.

But then, Paul uses two of the most beautiful words in all of Scripture: “*But God.*” God didn’t leave us where we were. Instead, He showed us mercy and grace by saving us, even though we didn’t deserve it. Our entire identity changed. That’s the truth we want our students to grasp this week. Their identity is no longer defined by their sins or mistakes but by the grace that saved them. They are no longer called sinners—the Bible now calls them saints.

As parents, I encourage you to take this opportunity to share your own story with your students. Talk about how the grace of Jesus has transformed your identity. Share who you were before Jesus, how He changed you, and how He continues to work in your life.

Paul concludes in Ephesians 2:10 by saying that we are now *God’s masterpiece*. Your student needs to hear that truth. Encourage them this week to embrace their identity as someone saved by grace and created to be a masterpiece—not defined by their past mistakes or sins.

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