

The Adventure Begins

14 Devotions for New Believers

Brand New You

Memorize This: When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here! - 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NirV)

Big Idea: I am a brand-new person because of Jesus.

Think About This:

Have you ever had a name tag? A name tag tells people who you are. What if someone wrote a silly word on your name tag, something like Cheeseburger or Platypus? Would that actually mean you're a cheeseburger or a platypus? No! Of course not.

In the same way, people call us all kinds of things. They may say good things or bad things about us. But none of that really matters. The only thing that really matters is what God says about you!

God made you. He sent Jesus to die for you. God is your Dad in heaven!

When you chose Jesus as your Forever Friend and got baptized, you became a brand new person. You've been adopted into God's family.

You know what God puts on your name tag?

- Kid of the King (1 John 3:1)
- Royalty (1 Peter 2:9)
- God's Masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10)
- Forgiven (Ephesians 1:7)
- Free (John 8:36)
- Loved (John 3:16)
- Victorious (Romans 8:37)
- God's Special Agent (2 Corinthians 5:20)
- World Changer (Acts 1:8)
- Citizen of Heaven (Philippians 3:20)

What God says about you is 100% true. So when others call you mean names or you're tempted to believe bad things about yourself, say this out loud:

"I'm a kid of the King. I'm loved. I'm forgiven. I'm free. I belong to God. Nobody can change that. Not today. Not tomorrow. Not ever."

Remember, the only thing that's true about you is what God says about you. And He says you're awesome.

Put It Into Action:

Make a name tag for yourself and put some of your favorite names that God gives you on there. Decorate it and make it look cool. Then put it where you'll see it every day to remind you of what God says about you.

Prayer:

God, thanks for adopting me into your family. Thanks for giving me a new name tag. Help me to always believe that what you say about me is the only thing that's true. Amen.