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Know Who You Are. Live Like It Matters.: A Homeschooler's Interactive Guide To Discovering Your True Identity



Synopsis

The World Does Not Define You! Nobody said your life would be easy. And the older you get, the more difficult it seems to become. Deep down you may know your value as a person isn't defined by wearing cool name-brand clothes, scoring points for a sports team, or even by having a huge number of social media followers. And you're right! Your identity resides in something much greater than anything this world can offer: The only identity worth having is found in Jesus Christ! American sports icon, Tim Tebow knows firsthand what it's like to face pressure head-on. In *Know Who You Are. Live Like It Matters*, he shares the wisdom he's learned not from what the world says, but from what God says in His Word. Tim will guide you through thirty-six weeks of lessons, each based on a key Scripture, to discover who you are by learning more about whose you are! You will also have the opportunity to write down your thoughts, feelings, and ideas on topics such as:

- * Building godly character
- * Maintaining great relationships
- * Standing out from the crowd
- * Doing things that matter in the big picture

Get ready to live bigger than ever before with your faith and identity secured in a God who loves you beyond measure!

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Customer Reviews

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brighter day. The foundation fulfills this mission by making dreams come true for children with life-threatening illnesses, taking care of thousands of orphans worldwide, providing life-changing surgeries for children in the Philippines, and fighting for those who can't fight for themselves. Learn more at www.timtebowfoundation.org.
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A NOTE FROM TIM
You and I have something in common. We may share similar traits I don't know about, but here's what I do know: I was homeschooled, just like you! I can't tell you how much I appreciate my parents for making a personal investment in my education. One of the things I loved about being homeschooled was being able to focus on the things I was passionate about and how much time it left for things I loved, like sports and exercise. Here's something you may not know: my mom and dad decided to homeschool my two brothers, my two sisters, and me before people even knew what homeschooling meant. At the time, some people thought they were nuts. Some wondered if homeschooling was even legal! But despite the challenges they faced, it was worth it. Mom and Dad's careful and thoughtful instruction helped educate my siblings and me. Each one of us was even blessed to receive a college scholarship! I know being homeschooled may not be the easiest thing in the world, so I wanted to write a book just for you. I'd like to encourage you in your studies by offering some lessons I've learned in my personal journey, lessons I want you to be a part of. I want this book to be about you: digging deep to find out who you are and what that means in real life. You may or may not know this already, but writing is powerful. In fact, an esteemed professor of psychology at the University of Texas at Austin studied the impact of journaling. Through a handful of studies, this expert found that expressive writing in a personal and meaningful way positively impacts health, well-being, and self-development. It can put us in a better mood. It can help us process tough situations. It can challenge us to make good changes. It can pave the way for a more impactful future. Knowing how journaling can be a great tool for self-reflection, I decided to write *Know Who You Are. Live Like It Matters*, just for homeschool students. You may think you don't like writing or that it doesn't come easy for you. That's okay! As we travel together through the course of this book, writing will become easier. And you may even discover it's one of your passions! Here's what you'll find in the following

pages. Each week for the next thirty-six weeks, I offer a verse from the Bible and a lesson that helps illustrate that verse. Each teaching ends with a section titled "In Your Own Words." This is your opportunity to reflect on what you've learned. You can connect what I talk about with what's going on in your life. Use my questions as prompts to fuel your thoughts.

This Guide Is Set Up in Four Parts with Nine Lessons Each

Part 1: Who Are You? (You'll learn about the source of your identity, Jesus Christ.)

Part 2: Don't Sweat It; God's Got It (You'll uncover guidance when the going in life gets tough.)

Part 3: Others Matter (Relationships are important. You'll understand why.)

Part 4: Live Bigger (You'll learn why and how to live in a way that impacts eternity.)

Here Are Some Helpful Tips to Know as You Get Started

Don't think too hard before you write. Just start writing and see what comes. This journal will not be subject to grading. There are no wrong or right answers. Be sure to record your thoughts in complete sentences. Write from the heart. I recommend you take a minute to pray before you begin writing. Make it a goal to write in all or at least most of the space available. If you need more room, awesome! Ask your parents for a notebook or journal to record additional thoughts you may have.

Just for Parents

I am so grateful you have decided to use this guide as part of your children's lesson plans. As a homeschooled student, I know the effort, time, and work involved in choosing to educate your family. My parents were true pioneers in the homeschool movement. They took responsibility for educating their children before the general public even knew it was an option. I'm so grateful they were willing and committed to answering the call. And from the bottom of my heart, thank you for doing the same for your children!

The primary purpose of this book is to encourage students to reflect and put in writing thoughts, feelings, ideas, opinions, and experiences. While you may consider making some cursory adjustments to their entries (that is, if they make consistent spelling/grammar errors) or encouraging them to write more (if they need a push to hammer out more than one or two sentences), don't judge their ideas or their writing. Finally, journal entries should be completed within thirty minutes. And it's best to set aside a specific day and time of the week for each lesson. Consistency is key!

I pray for God to honor your efforts, to give you strength when you're tired, grace when you need it, and wisdom throughout the process. I pray this journal inspires your children to dig deep with God and helps them find their purpose.

Part 1 Who Are You?

The world does not define you: Not the clothes you wear. Not the kind of music you listen to. Not the mistakes you've made. Not the trophies you've won. You are not defined by what others think of you, good or bad, or how many people follow or like you on Instagram or Snapchat or Facebook. You are not defined by the talents you have or don't have. There is

only one thing, one person, who defines your identity. His name is Jesus Christ. When you stop trying to follow the crowd, look a certain way, or do things just like everyone else, you can finally live in the unique design with which you were created. Because you are unique. You have value. And you matter! When you let God rule your heart and your life, you can begin to live at your best.

Isn't that what we all want? To be what God created us to be? To live out the dreams He planted in our hearts even before we were born? The only way you can begin to do this is to know who you are. When you are secure in your identity, it will change you. It will give you purpose. It will help you handle tough times. It helps shape your future. It helps you see that you are not here by chance. And nothing can take that away!

Week 1 WHO ARE YOU? KEY VERSE

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16

A few weeks before I started working on this book, I celebrated my spiritual birthday. Actually, I had so many things going on that I forgot. My mom reminded me. She even made me a cake! It's fun to celebrate birthdays with parties and presents, but you know what's even more important? Celebrating the day you were born into God's family. The day you asked Jesus into your heart.

Church was a huge part of my life growing up. At home, my parents taught me the importance of faith in Jesus and studied Scripture with me. In fact, one of the first Bible verses I memorized was John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." This verse is the foundation of what it means to be a Christian. Maybe you've heard or read this verse hundreds of times. Maybe, like me, it's one of the first verses you memorized. Before you understand who you are, you have to know who you are.

Let me break down this verse for you: For God so loved the world. The world is not just every single one of the billions of people on this planet, but you! God so loved _____ (write in your name here). That He gave His only begotten Son. God loves you so much that He was willing to give up His own child for you. That whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. You can live with God forever. All you have to do to be saved is to believe in Jesus (see Romans 10:9). This is what He wants for you. He loves you so much that He wants you to be a part of eternal life with Him! I love these words because they're simple, clear, and packed with meaning. I remember waking up one morning when I was six years old. Living on a forty-four-acre farm, my two brothers, two sisters, and I had a long chore list. There was always something to do. Mow lawns. Chase cows into the field. Lift hay bales. Chop wood. Weed the garden. That morning, before I set out to do my chores and while Dad was running the tractor, I told my mom I wanted to ask Jesus into my heart. It was the most important

day of my life. In fact, my parents were so thrilled, we celebrated by eating dinner that night at one of the largest McDonald's in the world. (Though even at six, I should have known better than to chow down a Big Mac.) The next day, the festivities continued at Epcot. So who are you? The dictionary defines identity as "who someone is, the name of a person, the qualities, beliefs, etc., that make a particular person or group different from others." I like to say that identity comes not necessarily from who we are but from whose we are. If you believe in Jesus, you are a son or daughter of God. You are the object of His love. He has a plan and a purpose for your life (see Jeremiah 29:11). And He will never, ever leave or forsake you (see Hebrews 13:5).

IN YOUR OWN WORDS

1. Finish this thought: I am . . . (a child of God, loved, made with a purpose, and so on).
2. Describe your spiritual birthday. Where were you when you asked Jesus into your heart? Who was with you?
3. If you have never asked Jesus into your heart, I want to encourage you to do it right now with your mom or your dad. You can use your own words or read mine below: Dear Jesus, I know I am a sinner and need a Savior. Thank You that You died for me and rose again. I open the door of my heart and ask You to come in. Thank You for coming into my heart and forgiving my sins. Thank You that God is my Father and I am His child. Thank You that I have a home in heaven and that I will come and live with You someday. In Your name, amen.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Jesus didn't save you because you're awesome: He saved you because He's awesome.

Tebow for overcoming many obstacles in his life, shyness Yet becoming a motivational speaker; having failures but picking yourself up! Knowing we're put on this earth to help others and have goals....if u don't know what they are, just ask God....HE will help you figure them out! The international lesson, love each other as HE loves us

Great book about your and your children's relationship with God.

Very inspirational! Highly recommend for all young people!

I and my three sons had the opportunity to review Tim Tebow's newest book for Homeschooler's. It is awesome. Great study to know who you are in Christ and as a person. Very simple and easy to implement into your daily lives and your schooling. Great for home schooling curriculum's. A great approach to helping young students become who they were created to be and to be the best you possible. We've home schooled for 15 yrs now

and this book is a great addition to our curriculum. I highly recommend everyone read it, even if you are not a homeschooler.

A book themed for homeschoolers... and written by a homeschooler! We have been homeschooling for six years now so I was thrilled when offered Tim Tebow's book for review. "A Homeschooler's Interactive Guide To Discovering Your True Identity." I decided to use this book as a read aloud with my two sons (ages 11 and 10). We are still in the process of reading it but so far we have read about building Godly character, standing out from the crowd and so much more. Know Who You Are is a wonderful read and I highly recommend it for all homeschoolers! This has been a great book to help encourage our boys to live for God and follow their own path. Thank you Tim Tebow we needed this book!

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My Review: Tim Tebow in our home is known more for his stand for Christ than for anything else. His ethics and morals have catapulted him far above any celebrity out there to date. My family really respects him and we always listen if he has something important to say. He has a lot of people, especially young people looking up to him and following him everywhere throughout social media. He is using his soapbox moment to teach our kids that there is more out there than the right phones, trendy gadgets or fast cars. We need to encourage them to hear him out. This book is especially geared towards homeschoolers so I just had to get it for my boys. Tim will guide you through thirty-six weeks of lessons, each based on a key Scripture, to discover who you are--by learning

more about whose you are! You will also have the opportunity to write down your thoughts, feelings, and ideas on topics such as: * Building godly character * Maintaining great relationships * Standing out from the crowd * Doing things that matter in the big picture A great way to start the upcoming school year off right and in the right direction. I'm going to give this book to my 15 year old and hopefully I will see a change in him throughout the year, especially how he views academics. **Disclosure** This book was sent to me free of charge for my honest review from the author. All opinions are my own.

Tim Tebow continues to astound me! Few people have used their celebrity status to promote other people like he has. In his latest book *Know Who You Are* he turns his sights on something near and dear to his heart: homeschool students and parents. A key component of any student's education is learning to articulate their thoughts in writing. At the beginning of his book Tim shares about some research on this topic: "An esteemed professor of psychology at the University of Texas at Austin studied the impact of journaling. Through a handful of studies, this expert found that expressive writing in a personal and meaningful way positively impacts health, well-being, and self-development. It can put us in a better mood. It can help us process tough situations. It can challenge us to make good changes. It can pave the way for a more impactful future." *Know Who You Are* helps students journal their thoughts by giving them some positive things to ponder. Tim shares his personal stories, many of which involve mistakes he's made or things which have caused him to second-guess himself, and then talks about the life lessons he learned from those experiences. He then gives students an opportunity to apply those same lessons to their own life. Each week's lesson wraps up with a couple of writing prompts for the student's journaling exercises. This book is designed to take a student through their entire school year, but will help students to think better about themselves and their circumstances for a lifetime. *Know who you are* • Live like it matters is an excellent resource!

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