

# More Than a Name

## Module: THE THREE D'S OF IDENTITY THEFT

Students are continually faced with opportunities to seek out what is and isn't important to them. It is a time when they experiment with different peer groups, activities, music genres, hair colours, and many other things. Their life is full of learning how to express themselves, whether it is truly who they are or not. There are also many people that students are looking to impress: their peers, their parents (sometimes), their teachers, their community and themselves. For most teenagers, this isn't an easy feat, especially when you add Jesus and what He thinks. This addition, which will be explored throughout this module, is what teenagers sometimes forget about as they struggle to impress all of the other people in their lives. These lessons will have students exploring what it means to have an identity within Christ, and how that can affect the way they perceive their identity as a whole. As a youth pastor or leader, you will help them examine different choices they have made (or may be thinking of making) and what that means for their identity. The intent of these lessons is that they will learn the importance of basing their identity in Christ and the strength they will receive to stop their identity from being stolen from worldly things. These lessons do follow an order, and work off each other, so it is important for you as a leader to find an appropriate time to use them in order over four weeks.

In lesson one, **Introduction: Where Do We Find Our Identity?**, students will explore what is important to their lives and will have a chance to creatively express that to the group. Specifically, they will be discussing the differences between outward appearances and inward truths of identity. They will then discover what it means to have an identity in God and how that can shape our identity as a whole.

In lesson two, **Desires – How We Can Overcome Sinful Desires?**, students will interact with their peers to find out some specific desires in life people may have. They will then examine what Jesus desired in life and how we should attempt to have the same mindset as Jesus as we desire things for our own lives.

In lesson three, **Doubt – How We Can Overcome Doubtful Thoughts?**, students will explore how different characters in the Bible have doubted their faith or Jesus and will see how Jesus responds to this doubt. Students will then discuss ways in which to cast away doubtful thoughts and to remain fully invested in their faith.

In lesson four, **Self-Doting – How to Can We Make God Our Main Purpose?**, students will learn to think about others before themselves. Self-doting is a description for being overly self-centered, where someone loves themselves more than anything else. Students will examine how others may respond to being over-indulged in oneself and will learn how to depend on God and keep Him at the center of their life, so as not to lose their identity in Christ.