**Lesson 1:"I Am His: A Child of God, Known by Name"**

**Key Scriptures**

* **John 1:12** – *“But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.”*
* **Psalm 139:13–16** – *“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb…”*

**Lesson Objective**

To help students understand that their true identity is found in being a child of God—fully known, deeply loved, and intentionally made by Him.

**Outline**

**1. Introduction – The Question of Identity**

* Ask: *“When someone asks ‘Who are you?’—what’s your first answer?”* (Name, job, school, hobbies?)
* Explain: Our culture often defines us by performance, appearance, or approval. But God defines us by **relationship** with Him.

**2. Becoming a Child of God (John 1:12)**

* **Not automatic** – We’re all created by God, but only those who receive Christ become His children.
* **Steps to Salvation:** 
  1. *Develop Faith – Rom. 10:17*; *Believe - Heb. 11:6; Rom. 8:24*; Repent – Act 17:30-31; Confess – Rom. 10:9,10; Baptism – Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:1-6; Col. 2:12; Gal. 3:26,27, 1 Pet. 3:21
* **Benefits of being His child**: security, inheritance, family, unconditional love.
* **Illustration** – Adoption analogy: Legal change in status, now part of a family with full rights.

**3. Known by Name & Made with Purpose (Psalm 139:13–16)**

* **God’s involvement in creation** – Not an accident or afterthought.
  + *“Knit together”* – shows care, precision, and design.
* **God knows every detail** – Our looks, talents, weaknesses, and even our days before they happen.
* **Identity is not in comparison** – We don’t have to measure up to someone else; we are already God’s intentional masterpiece.

**4. Living Out Our Identity**

* **Stop chasing false labels** – What others think, what you achieve, or what you own.
* **Start embracing God’s truth**:
  + *I am loved.* (Jer. 31:3) *I am chosen.* (Eph. 1:4)
  + *I am His child.* (John 1:12) *I am fully known.* (Ps. 139)
* **Practical Application**:
  + Speak God’s truth over your life daily.
  + Spend time with your Father—prayer and Word strengthen your identity.
  + Let your actions reflect your position as His child.

**5. Discussion Questions**

1. What’s the difference between being God’s creation and being His child?
2. How does knowing God formed you on purpose change the way you see yourself?
3. What “false labels” do you need to let go of?
4. How can you remind yourself daily that you are known and loved by God?

**6. Identity Statement Exercise** – Have each person write:  
*“I am a child of God. I am known by name. I am loved, chosen, and made for His purpose.”*

* Encourage them to read it aloud each morning this week.