## 5TH GRADE WRITING: WHO AM I?

Fifth grade students were hard at work writing their autobiography. Throughout their personal essay, students expressed joy in various aspects of their lives, including their joyful memories with their family and friends, their talents, dreams, and relationship with God. It was wonderful seeing so much growth in my students' writing and getting to know them even better after reading their autobiography.

## Many students described special moments with their family. The students emphasized the importance of their family and their role in shaping their character and supporting their dreams:

"My family shaped who I am by letting me explore things I am interested in, helping me understand things better, and supporting me throughout my life." - Olivia

"My father teaches me important life lessons, and my mother loves to support my dreams and wishes." - Lisa

"My parents are very hardworking, and they do so much for me. I love them so much! They always support me in my dreams of becoming a doctor." - Vera

"There are about 8 billion people and 196 countries, and I still have the perfect family for me." - Lila "My mom is so supportive of me. She will come to every baseball and soccer game, even if it is an hour away while she's at work. -Jackson

"I love my family, and they love me, and they always told me to dream big, so that's what I do!" - Sophia B

"I am an 11-year-old 5th grader who loves to play sports, hates vegetables, and who has an amazing, supportive family. I can say that I am very blessed and thankful. I'm hoping to grow up and be a successful young man, have a strong bond with God, and maybe start eating vegetables to be healthier and stronger." - Christian

**Students expressed dreams they had that will change the world:** "I have dreams that might change people's ways of how they live. My dreams are inventing the portal, making a robot that has feelings, making a theme park, and making cool Lego animation. These dreams will come true someday when I have the right tools to do it." - Anthony

"A dream I have is becoming a famous influencer on dance and then sharing about Jesus and God." - Sheli

I might be only 11 years old, but I can still dream about my future goals. When I grow up, I want to be a chef so I can make new recipes. I have many dreams about being successful and having a good career. I also want to attend a great culinary school. God has great plans for my perfect, beautiful, future life." - Emma Additionally, students highlighted their relationship with God and how it influences their interactions with others and the world. Some students shared about experiencing God's presence in their life, and they demonstrated gratitude for the blessings they received:

"My relationship with God has been beautiful. I have felt his presence, have had dreams, and have loved him all my life." -Josiah

"My faith is important to me because without God, I would be lost. Like a sheep without its shepherd." - Natalie

"God gave me a wonderful mind to think for myself, and I wouldn't have it any other way." - Noah

"I love God very much, and you should too. Being a Christian is important to me because without God, you and I wouldn't exist." -Kylie

"During hard times, God has helped me, and he has always been there for me. When I was a kid, I had a virus that made me very sick. I had a lot of trouble breathing, and I could barely walk. I had to go to the hospital and stay there for a few days. It was a very scary time for me and my family. I wasn't myself, and I was very tired and slept for most of the day. I remember my mom praying next to me, and God answered. He healed me! That was a miracle! I know that God can help me through hard times." - Emerson "God has always been by my side no matter where I go. God is my comforter, and he is always there for me. I have a great relationship with God. I always pray to my great and powerful Father." - Sophia K.

"I am super lucky to have a relationship with my God. A Bible verse that I like is Psalm 139:14 "I will praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." That is my favorite verse. It's so crazy to believe that Jesus sacrificed his life to wash my sins away. I love God, and he loves me. I can't wait for him to come again. – Trevin

"God is amazing! For the last few years, I have had a lot of health issues. When I am very sick, God is always there to comfort me. I love God so much! God is always with me and always taking care of me." - Ivy

"I love my school and family and how they always encourage me to say and write Bible verses like, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13. That verse is very important to me because if I don't think that I am good enough I just have to remember that I have Christ who strengthens me." - Zara

"God is my whole life. I know that God loves me and I love him. One of my favorite verses is Isaiah 41:1. It's important to me because it is telling me not to fear because God is near." - Ryan

## Some students expressed a commitment to honor God in all aspects of their life:

"A big dream I have is to become a pastor or worship leader . . . maybe even both. I hope I have an amazing life. If I could become a pastor or worship leader, I would talk to God and talk about God to others. I can't wait to see who I turn into when I grow up." - Hannah

I know I want to make a difference in the world. I want to help people realize that Jesus is the one true God. I'm so excited to see where my God leads me. - Eden

## This essay summed it up perfectly:

"Writing this essay, I learned more about myself. I also learned how blessed I am, and I couldn't have been born in a better place, time, or family." - Harrison