



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE<sup>®</sup>

Session 3: Our Identity

Suggested Week of Use: March 16, 2025

Core Passage: 1 Peter 2:1-10

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### News Story Summary

The Kansas City Chiefs endured a staggering 40-22 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl LIX. While many considered the Chiefs favorites to become the first team to win three straight Super Bowls, Kansas City fell behind 24-0 by halftime and never really recovered.

After the game, Kansas City's star quarterback Patrick Mahomes took personal responsibility for the loss. Smothered by the Eagles' defense throughout the game, Mahomes was sacked six times and threw two interceptions. One pick was returned for a touchdown, and one led to another Philadelphia score. Mahomes noted that his turnovers put the Chiefs in a difficult situation.

“When you give a team 14 points—especially a really good football team, a Super Bowl football team—not a lot of good things happen,” Mahomes said. “That's why I take ownership of this loss more than probably any loss of my entire career.”

For more about this story, search “Mahomes takes ownership for loss.”

### Engage

To supplement the Engage activities, lead adults to call out the actions of someone who takes personal responsibility for their actions compared to one who refuses to take responsibility. Talk about why taking responsibility is so important. Share the story about Patrick Mahomes taking responsibility for the Kansas City Chiefs' Super Bowl loss. Discuss what it means for the Chiefs and for himself to own his mistakes. Affirm that responsibility is a part of life—no matter what you do for a living. Explain that this session considers our personal responsibility as Christ followers. Remind adults that Jesus has blessed His people in so many ways, but those blessings come with an important responsibility to live out our faith in a way that points people to Him.

### Challenge

To supplement the Challenge activities, share that professional athletes have many opportunities to affect the games they play. Say: *They also realize what it means to represent their team well, so they are motivated to work together with their teammates to put a “good product” on the field or court each time out.* Review the Mahomes article. Ask: *How do you think Mahomes might grow as a result of this loss? What impact will his words and actions have on the team moving forward?* Challenge adults to focus on their roles as Jesus's representatives. Encourage them to embrace their personal responsibility to reflect Him well to a world that needs to see Him as He really is.