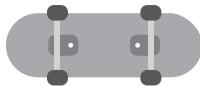




BEST FOR LAST



MIDDLE SCHOOL

WEEK 1

LUKE 22:14-20

We remember what Jesus has done to know He is still working.

WEEK 2

JOHN 17:20-21

Jesus prayed for unity so His people could live in harmony.

WEEK 3

LUKE 22:42

You can be real about what you feel and still trust Jesus.

WEEK 4

JOHN 19:16b-18;

JOHN 19:28-30a

Jesus died and rose because He loves you.

WEEK 5

JOHN 21:12-17

Your failures don't take away Jesus's love.

TALK ABOUT THIS

WEEK 1: Recognizing and remembering God at work in their lives is an abstract idea that may be challenging for your student in this phase. What you may see as God's movement in their life may be viewed as merely a good day or a lucky break by your middle schooler.

WEEK 2: Really understanding what Jesus did for them on the cross thousands of years ago and how it impacts their lives today may be difficult for your middle schooler. It's an abstract thing for even some adults to fully grasp! Finding ways to make the Easter story more concrete for your student will help them see it not only as real, but also relevant to their lives.

WEEK 3: Being real about what they feel is harder for your middle schooler than you may think. Though they're full of emotions in this phase, they don't yet have words or names to articulate exactly what they're feeling. For many, this is the first time they're experiencing some specific feelings.

WEEK 4: This week is a great opportunity to share with your kid what Jesus did for them on the cross and to celebrate His sacrifice at work in their life. Remember that even if your student doesn't respond to the invitation for salvation, you're planting seeds that will continue to grow in their heart over time.

WEEK 5: Mistakes are many for middle schoolers. It's a phase where they're testing boundaries and pushing their limits, often leading to failures or missteps. The result? A lot of moments where they end up potentially feeling like epic failures, even when they're not!

REMEMBER THIS

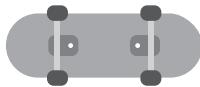
"Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me.

Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."

Luke 22:42 NLT



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DO THIS



MORNING TIME

Hearing the news that a loved one has made a decision to follow Jesus is cause for celebration. If your kid, a friend, or even a member of their Small Group makes a decision of faith this week, celebrate that with a card, a special dinner, a cake, or anything that lets them know how special this day is in their lives.



DRIVE TIME

Create an honesty playlist for your family's commute this week. Put together a list of songs that show someone being honest or real about what they feel. Be sure to include a wide variety of feelings in your songs—sadness, anger, heartbreak, love, joy, etc.



MEAL TIME

This week, host a dinner of remembrance with your family! Plan a menu and set aside a special time to remember what God has done for your family in the last year. Be sure to read the story of the Last Supper together as a part of your meal time.



BED TIME

To celebrate the Easter season, pick a TV show, movie, or web series about Jesus's life to watch together as a family. Afterwards, talk about how what you watched may have helped you better understand or see the story of Easter as a real thing that impacts your lives today.

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