



Finding answers to life's toughest questions

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LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

The win is for students to walk away knowing that there are ways that God wants to answer their questions.

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 2:1-11 (NLT)

THINK ABOUT THIS

For a lot of believers, the idea of hearing from God is a daunting one because He speaks to a lot of us in different times and in different ways. **Don't be afraid to lean into this with big faith!** Pray for your students and their questions this week and TRUST that God will answer them!

We get excited and anticipate things like Christmas presents when we are young. What if we got just as excited and anticipated hearing God's voice, trusting in His time and His way He will speak to us? And what if we got that excited for Jesus to talk to our students directly?

Leader Challenge: Pray for each of the students on your roster by name this week, and ask for God to speak directly to them. Trust He will.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

MAIN POINT

It's a lot easier than you think to find answers to life's hardest questions.

GET THEM TALKING

What do you consider to be the easiest subject in school? Why?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Today we talked about four ways to find answers to life's hardest questions. God's voice, research, reading the Bible, talking to others. Which way do you think is the easiest? Which is the hardest?
2. When you have questions about God, is it natural for you to try to find answers somehow, or do you just try to ignore them? Why?

READ Proverbs 2:1-11 and answer the following questions:

3. Verse 2 talks about tuning your ears to wisdom. What are some of the distractions that make it hard to "tune your ear to wisdom?"
4. How can we cut out some of those distractions?
5. Verse 6 tells us that knowledge and understanding come from the mouth of God. Does anyone have any stories of time where you felt like God was talking to you and teaching you something? (*This is a great place for the leader to share one of their experiences*)

NEXT STEP

Encourage your students that you believe they can all find the answers they are looking for from God. Challenge them this week to do something to try to find an answer to one of their questions and then maybe share what they learn next week with the group.

PRAYER GUIDE

God, We all have questions and we believe that you want to answer those questions. So this week we give you permission to speak to us and reveal your truth to us. Help us cut out the distractions in our lives so we can gain wisdom and understanding. We love you! In Jesus' Name we pray... Amen!

SCRIPTURE

MS students are concrete thinkers, so opening your Bible to read the Scripture with them is a preferred visual cue.

Proverbs 2:1-11 NLT

- My child, listen to what I say,
and treasure my commands.
- ²Tune your ears to wisdom,
and concentrate on understanding.
- ³Cry out for insight,
and ask for understanding.
- ⁴Search for them as you would for silver;
seek them like hidden treasures.
- ⁵Then you will understand what it means to fear the
LORD,
and you will gain knowledge of God.
- ⁶For the LORD grants wisdom!
From his mouth come knowledge and
understanding.
- ⁷He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest.
He is a shield to those who walk with integrity.
- ⁸He guards the paths of the just
and protects those who are faithful to him.
- ⁹Then you will understand what is right, just, and fair,
and you will find the right way to go.
- ¹⁰For wisdom will enter your heart,
and knowledge will fill you with joy.
- ¹¹Wise choices will watch over you.
Understanding will keep you safe.