

HIGH SCHOOL HACKS

REVISE

To make this week more accessible for high schoolers, here's what to adjust ...

In Week 1, focus your attention on wisdom rather than knowledge. This is an important distinction for your teenagers. Help them see that wisdom is applying shared knowledge and experience by giving them ample time to think about applying God's wisdom to their lives.

Let teenagers lead "Bible or Coach" (Week 2) and "Weird Call" (Week 3) modules instead of adults.

Rather than having an adult lead the group in these activities, recruit a few older teenagers to lead the rest of the group—especially if you have a few teenagers who like to be the center of attention. This will help the rest of your teenagers stay engaged and help you avoid any accusations of cheesiness.

During Week 4, keep in mind that love is a crucial idea for teenagers. At this stage, middle and late adolescents are more equipped than ever to think about and verbalize what love means. Help them define it and allow Godly wisdom to help expand or challenge how their words can show God's love.

Every week, encourage high schoolers to think about their future. Because you're talking about Godly wisdom, your high schoolers may want to discuss how this applies to their future vocations or callings. If you think your teenagers may want to explore that subject, go for it!

Every week, don't skip the application points. The subject of this series is making good calls in your life, which is very practical and applicable. To help your group implement what you're talking about, give plenty of examples of embodying the application steps each week.

REPLACE

And here are the Building Blocks you may want to swap for something else ...

Replace the weekly video modules with longer opportunities for group discussions, reflection, and responses. There are multiple video modules throughout the series. If you need to make space to give more time to help teenagers think about how they can create strategies to make Godly decisions in their lives, swap these out to make more time out for those other types of modules.

REMEMBER

Encourage high schoolers to be honest about applying Godly wisdom to their life. To create tangible change in their lives, they must be honest about where they are starting. Help them see that we all mess up, so it's important to stop pretending we don't. Wisdom is where we can take shared knowledge and experience from God's people and let it shape our lives. So, give them space to ask questions about how to do that in a judgment-free environment. Be prepared for anything, though, and don't be afraid to table a question for a later conversation.