

**Main Scriptures:** Genesis 1:26-30, Hebrews 5:11-14, Ephesians 5:1-2

**Session Purpose:** To set the stage for the event, helping students understand the big-picture view of why it's important to seek to know God.

FIRDAY NIGHT

# session one

## PRESSING PAUSE

**1**

What is 1 thing you are excited about and 1 thing you are glad to leave at home this weekend?

**2**

On a scale of 1 to 10, how much pressure do you feel in your life right now? Why? (1- little-----10- tons)

**3**

What are some things in your life that make you feel overcommitted or stressed? How do you think those things affect your relationship with God?

**4**

In Genesis 1:26-30, we see that God created humans in His image. How does knowing you were made in God's image change the way you view your relationship with Him?

**5**

Read Genesis 17:7-8. What does it mean to you that God wants to be your God and desires a relationship with you?

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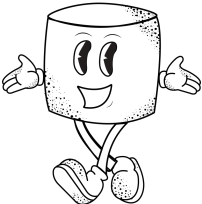
In Hebrews 5:11-14, believers are urged to mature in their faith. What does spiritual maturity look like to you? Why is it something to pursue?

**7**

Philippians 3:10-14 describes Paul's passion to know Christ more deeply. What steps can you take to know God more like Paul did?

**8**

What is one area of your life where you can commit to "pressing pause" and seeking God more intentionally? What will that look like this weekend?



**Main Scripture:** Matthew 6:9-13

**Session Purpose:** To help students grasp the importance of prayer in developing and maintaining a relationship with God, and to teach them Christ's model for praying to God.

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SATURDAY MORNING

THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER

# session two

**1**

What was something from this morning's talk that stuck out to you? Before you go any further... as a Group to setup your time in small group read Matthew 6:9-14.

**2**

How does calling God 'Our Father' change the way you think about prayer? Does it make prayer feel more personal or approachable? Why or why not?

**3**

Why is it important to start prayer with praise, like Jesus did? What are some ways you can show honor or gratitude to God before asking for things?

**4**

When Jesus taught us to pray for God's will to be done, what do you think that means for your everyday life? How can you invite God's will into your daily actions?

**5**

Jesus taught that prayer is a conversation, not a ritual. Do you find it easy or hard to talk to God in a way that feels like a real conversation? Why? Do you ever feel like you want to pray but don't know how?

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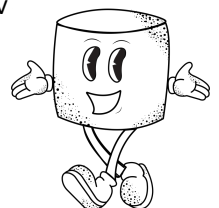
Forgiveness is a big part of prayer. Why do you think it's important for us to forgive others when we ask God to forgive us? What difference does it make in your relationship with God and others?

**7**

Jesus often withdrew to quiet places to pray. Do you think finding quiet, alone time with God is important? When could you make time to do this during your weekend?

**8**

What are some of the biggest temptations you face, and how can praying for strength help you overcome them? How might prayer change how you handle tough situations?



**Main Scripture:** Psalm 119:97-104

**Session Purpose:** To help students go deeper in their knowledge of God by applying the Bible study techniques learned in this lesson.

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SATURDAY EVENING

## PRIORITIZING SCRIPTURE

# session three

**1**

What is a truth from God's Word that spoke to you tonight? How do you want that truth to impact your life?

**2**

Psalm 119:97 says, "Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long." What does "meditate on it all day long" look like in your life?

**3**

Can you think of a time when knowing a specific Bible verse or story helped you in a situation? How did it help? What's one obstacle that keeps you from spending regular time in the Bible? How do you think you could overcome it?

**4**

In what ways do you think knowing God's Word can make someone wiser or more prepared for life? How can obedience to God's rules lead to a greater understanding of the world around you?

**5**

How would you describe someone you know who really loves and lives by the Bible? What stands out about them? In your world today, what does it look like to "meditate all day long" on God's Word?

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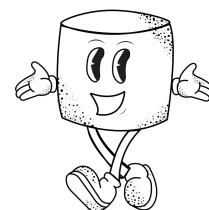
How might regularly reading the Bible impact your friendships or your conversations with others?

**7**

What do you think it means for the Bible to be "the way" for your life? How would that impact your decisions and goals?

**8**

If you were to commit to one specific change to make Bible study a bigger priority in your life, what would it be, and how could we support each other in doing that?



**Main Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

**Session Purpose:** To lead students to embrace their mission of being God's messengers of the reconciliation that Christ offers to all people.

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SUNDAY MORNING

PRESSING PLAY  
**session four**

**1**

What does it mean to you to “press play” in your own life? How might it look different from just “pressing pause”?

**2**

2 Corinthians 5:17 talks about becoming a “new creation.” How do you see yourself as being different or new because of your relationship with Jesus?

**3**

Paul says we are “Christ’s ambassadors.” What do you think an ambassador does, and how does that idea apply to you?

**4**

Why do you think Paul uses the word “reconcile” to describe our mission? How might that change the way we see or interact with others?

**5**

What does being on a “mission of reconciliation” look like in your own life? Are there specific people or places where you think you’re called to share Jesus’ love?

**6**

Think about your areas of influence (like family, friends, school, etc.). Which one of these areas is the easiest for you to share your faith in, and which is the hardest? Why?

**7**

What’s one thing you could do this week to be an ambassador for Jesus in a specific part of your life?

**8**

What is a personal takeaway from this past weekend? What is God doing you in your life?

