

Weekend Groups

OSY Youth.

Week 6

God Uses The Unlikely



Exodus 3:1-14

Scripture

Read: Exodus 3:1-9

Listen to Moses' excuses and how God replies to every one.

Observation

Ask: What stands out to you from this passage?

Leader Tip: Be okay with long silences as students think.

Application

Ask: How can you apply this to your life today?

Say: God doesn't need you to be perfect or famous—He just needs you to be willing.

Prayer

Prayer: "God, thank You that You don't look for perfect people. Take our weaknesses and use them for Your glory. Amen."

Hook

Ask: If you had to pick a team captain for a competition, what qualities would you look for?

Follow Up: Would you pick someone who was shy or bad at talking? Why or why not?

Key Questions

1. What are common excuses Jr. Highers make for why God can't use them yet?

2. Has there ever been a time you felt underqualified to help someone or lead?

Bottom Line

God doesn't call the qualified; He qualifies the called.

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Week 7

When You Feel Trapped

Exodus 14:10-22

Scripture

Read: Exodus 14:10-22

Notice how the Israelites reacted when they were trapped between the Egyptian army and the Red Sea.

Observation

Ask: What stands out to you from this passage?

Leader Tip: Be okay with long silences as students think.

Application

Ask: How can you apply this to your life today?

Say: When you feel trapped with no way out, don't panic or run back to bad habits.

Prayer

Prayer: "Lord, when we feel trapped by anxiety, stress, or circumstances, teach us to be still and trust that You are fighting for us. Amen."

Hook

Ask: What is the most trapped or stuck you've ever felt in a game, escape room, or real life?

Follow Up: What did you do to try and get out of that situation?

Key Questions

1. Why do we panic or complain as soon as things get scary or hard?
2. Why is it hard to wait on God to fight for us instead of taking matters into our own hands?

Bottom Line

Stand firm and watch God move.

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Week 8

Boundaries for Freedom



Exodus 20:1-17

Scripture

Read: Exodus 20:1-17

Count how many rules are about our relationship with God vs. our relationships with people.

Observation

Ask: What stands out to you from this passage?

Leader Tip: Be okay with long silences as students think.

Application

Ask: How can you apply this to your life today?

Say: God didn't give commands to ruin our fun; He gave them to protect our freedom.

Prayer

Prayer: "God, thank You for loving us enough to give us guardrails. Help us love You first and love others well this week. Amen."

Hook

Ask: Imagine driving on a high mountain highway with no guardrails at night. How would you drive?

Follow Up: Do guardrails restrict your freedom, or do they give you confidence to drive safely?

Key Questions

1. What is an "idol" today (things we put ahead of God)?
2. How does respecting parents, truth, and others' stuff actually make life better for everyone?

Bottom Line

God's laws are design specs for a healthy life.

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Week 9

Courage & The Promised Land

Joshua 1:1-9

Scripture

Read: Joshua 1:1-9

Count how many times God tells Joshua to "be strong and courageous." Then, have the whole group read verse 9 out loud together at the end.

Observation

Ask: What stands out to you from this passage?

Leader Tip: Be okay with long silences as students think.

Application

Ask: How can you apply this to your life today?

Say: You don't have to feel brave to act brave. God tells Joshua to trust God's constant presence.

Prayer

Prayer: "God, thank You that wherever we go, You are with us. Give us strength and courage to face our hard moments this week. Amen."

Hook

Ask: What was the scariest 'first day' you've ever experienced (first day of middle school, new team, moving)?

Follow Up: What helped you get through it?

Key Questions

1. Why does God connect reading/knowing Scripture with having courage?
2. What is a situation in your life right now that requires courage?

Bottom Line

True courage comes from knowing God is with you.