

2020-2021

Middle School

WEEKLY CUES

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Theme

AWKWARD

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Romans 12:1-2

What we do with our desires matters.

Week Two

1 Corinthians 6:12; John 10:10

Just because you can do something doesn't mean you should.

Week Three

Mark 12:30-31

How you treat others and yourself matters to God.

Week Four

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Focus on becoming love before looking for love.

REMEMBER THIS

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect"
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Morning Time

Reach out to your kid's Small Group Leader this week. Let them know that you appreciate their voice and presence in your middle schooler's life. Empower them to be a safe person your kid can talk to about things like sex and dating. Thank them for being a trusted adult your kid can go to with difficult and potentially awkward topics.



Meal Time

Find an easy way for your kid to talk to you about sex and dating. To do this, come up with a code word or phrase your middle schooler can say, write, or text to you to let you know they need to talk about something that's potentially awkward for them. This will give them an easy way to come to you and give you a chance to mentally prepare before the conversation happens.



Drive Time

If there's one thing we all know and understand, it's the feeling of an awkward moment or experience! So, challenge your family to come up with the ultimate awkward list. Together, think of as many moments or experiences as you can that could easily be labeled "awkward." Whoever can come up with the most potential awkward moments is the winner of this awkward family challenge!



Bed Time

Conversations about sex have the potential to be... well, awkward! So do your best to plan ahead. Think about how you want to respond before the conversation happens. Prepare for the way you want to handle talks about or experiences with sex and dating in your house so that when the time comes, you can respond rather than react.

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