### "BE REAL"







## **OVERVIEW:**

Oftentimes we can look at culture, society, and even the Bible and make our heroes out to be perfect people - even though no one is perfect.

In this series we are looking at real stories in the Bible about how God used real broken people, and how He can use our brokenness today for His glory.

### WEEK 1: "JONAH" 8/28/2022

This week we are talking about the life of Jonah and how God used him despite his disobedience. If God used Jonah's disobedience, what could He do with your obedience?

### WEEK 2: "PAUL" 9/4/2022

This week we are talking about what the transformation Paul went through and how his past didn't disqualify him. We are going to be looking at how to live as a new creation.

### WEEK 3: "MOSES" 9/11/2022

This week we are looking at the life of Moses and how God used Moses as a mouthpiece even though he had a speech problem.

#### WEEK 3: "NAOMI" 9/18/2022

This week we are looking at the story of Naomi and how God turned her "bitterness" into "sweetness". God provides and gives us a new perspective

### Remember this:

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

- Romans 8:28

## **CONVERSATION STARTERS**

When we read the Bible, sometimes it can feel hard to relate to the ancient stories we read about. All throughout scripture, we see God use broken people for His glory.

When you find the right time, ask your teen if they feel like there is any area of their life that may be holding them back from being used by God to make an impact?

Encourage them that He can use all of our brokenness, even the parts we feel most inadequate or insecure about.

In this series we are going through different Bible characters and their stories. **Each week, ask your teen something they learned about when it comes to the character we studied that week.** 

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# DAILY CUES

## **MORNING TIME**



Sometimes, without knowing it, we can just expect teens to forget or fail. But, what if we expected to be impressed, surprised and even proud—and then, we told them that?

This week be sure to give your teen encouragement. Try saying, "Hey, do you know how awesome you are? I'm so proud! I love watching you become the person you were made to be. Keep it up and let me know what you may need this week."



### THEIR TIME

Teens can often feel like adults don't really get them. So, practicing being a student of them. Ask questions. Use not knowing and not being afraid to be asking as a way to connect and make them feel like an expert. Let them know you don't take yourself too seriously.

Expressing curiosity around the way their friends think and talk about worldly topics, instead of judgment or disgust, will earn their trust.

## **MEAL TIME**



Make some time for you and your teen to grab a meal, coffee or smoothie—on you! Take time to ask questions about their friends, their school experience, pressures they might experience, or just to hear them rant about the latest drama. Remember, you aren't there to fix their problem, downplay, or correct their thinking. You're there to listen, sympathize, and make them feel understood.



### **BED TIME**

Sometimes, youth need to have a conversation, but they aren't always sure how. Before your teen heads to bed, reassure them that you'll always be there for them, that your love for them won't change, and that your relationship won't be compromised—no matter what. Nothing they tell you could change that.

Be sure that this message, is clear in your words, tone, and body language.