

SERIES: THE GREATEST



WEEK 1

WEEK 2

WEEK 3

MATTHEW 22:36-39

When you hear what Jesus said is the greatest command, you realize God is FOR you.

JOHN 14:8-9

If you want to know God and learn what He's like, get to know Jesus.

LUKE 15:1-7

Loving your life comes from knowing how much God values you.

WEEK 4

JOHN 4:4-42

Like Jesus, we can move people out of a category and into a conversation.

WEEK 5

MATTHEW 22:37-39; JOHN 15:5

In order to live out the greatest commandment, we have to ask Jesus to help us.

TALK ABOUT THIS

WEEK 1: This week, ask your teenager this question: "Do you ever feel like God is more against you than He is FOR you? Why do you think we feel that way sometimes?"

WEEK 2: Start a conversation with your student with this hypothetical question: "If you could physically see God in person and ask Him one question face to face, what would you ask?" Be prepared to share your own honest answer!

WEEK 3: This week, remind your student that their value and worth—in your eyes and in God's eyes—aren't dependent on past or present behavior or performance. They have value simply because God made them.

WEEK 4: Sometime this week, start a conversation with your teenager about the different friend groups at school. Follow that up by asking them which group they're least likely to naturally associate with, and what it could look like to start a conversation with someone in that group this week.

WEEK 5: This week, ask your student if they have a plan to stay connected to God throughout the week. If not, offer to help them come up with one. If they already have a plan, offer to check in with them later in the week to see how it's going!

REMEMBER THIS

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Matthew 22:37-39 NIV





DO THIS



MORNING TIME

Before your kid heads off to school, share with them one way YOU are going to work on loving God or loving others that day. If it's easier, you could even send this to them in a text message before school. Don't ask them to do anything in response! Just share a little bit of what's going on in your world.



MEAL TIME

Ask each other some "greatest" questions like . . .

- What's the greatest meal and dessert in your opinion?
- Where would be the greatest place to go on vacation?
- Who's the greatest friend you've ever had?
- What's the greatest thing about your personality?
- Who's the greatest teacher you've ever had?



THEIR TIME

Oftentimes teenagers only think about what's in front of them at the moment. Sometime this week, put a post-it note on their bathroom mirror that says, "God thinks you're awesome, and so do I!"



BED TIME

Pray with your teenager one night before they go to bed this week. This might feel a little awkward, but that's okay. Try it anyway! The prayer doesn't have to be eloquent or long. Just pray a quick prayer, tell your son or daughter that you love them and you're proud of them, then give them a hug. That's it. You'll be glad you did!

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