

Ms My Story

Our relationship with God directly affects our relationships with others. The more we get to know God, the more we get to know his story and better understand our own.

Week 4: Impact

Big Idea: Everyone has a part to play in God's big story.

Key Verse: "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." (Romans 8:28, NLT)

Supplies: Bibles

HANGOUT

1. DISCUSS:
 - a. Have you ever asked, "What's the point?" [e.g., Have you ever sat in a class at school and asked, "Why are we learning this?"] If yes, what were you questioning?
 - b. Have you ever wondered what your purpose is—as in what's your purpose for the future? Or for now?
 - c. Have you ever felt as if you had a purpose in something?

HEAR

2. SAY: The older we get, the more we think about our purpose in life, in God's big story, in our family, etc.
3. Choose 3-4 of the following passages to look up and read: Acts 17:27; Romans 8:28; Philippians 1:27; 1 Thessalonians 2:4; and 2 Timothy 3:10.
4. DISCUSS:
 - a. What do these verses tell us about purpose—the purpose of the person writing, our purpose, or God's purpose for us?
 - b. What do you think your purpose is? In your family? In your school? In God's big story? Do they connect somehow?

HUDDLE

5. DISCUSS: You have a purpose in God's big story. You have a part to play. How does that make you feel?
6. SAY: When you're following Jesus, you don't have to "guess" what your purpose is. The closer we follow Jesus, the more easily our purpose is lived out.
7. Encourage the students to sit quietly and ask God:
 - a. What is your purpose for me this week at school? In my family? In my closest friendships?
 - b. What's next for me? What part do you want me to play in your big story?

Leader Tip: After asking each question, allow the students time to sit quietly and listen for God.
8. Invite the students to share if they felt God put anything on their hearts while they reflected on the questions
9. Wrap up by praying for your small group.