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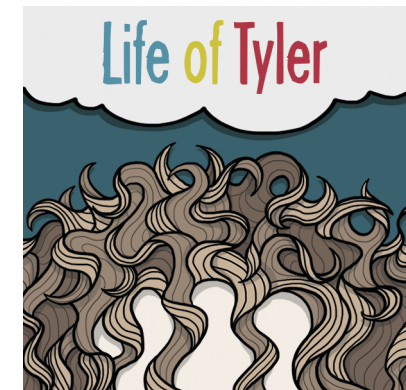
**Check-Out**

## LEADERS NOTES

There will not be an in-room close. After this week's episode of *Life of Tyler* plays, simply transition the students into their groups.

When group time is up, transition students back to the video screen where there will be an emcee on video that will close out the experience.

After the salvation message video: If students want to respond have them talk to a leader but make sure they communicate with their parents about the decision they want to make.



# Week 3: Life of Tyler

**THE POINT**

**Prayer is powerful.**





## GAME

### X Marks the Spot

#### Who will play?

Everyone

#### What do we need?

-Blindfolds (1 per every other student)

-X sheets (at least 1 per experience)

#### How do we play?

1. Have students find a partner, and sit along one wall of your room.
2. Place the X sheet on the floor in the middle of the room (make sure everyone sees it clearly).
3. Pass out a blindfold to one partner on each team, and have the other partner help them put it on.
4. Tell kids that they're going to have to work together to get from where they are to the X on the floor.
5. Tell kids that the partner with the blindfold will be the "asker." The asker may only ask questions, then move ONE step at a time, according to the answer they're given.
6. The blindfolded asker can NOT move unless they've been told it's okay to do so. This game will be loosely based on *Mother, May I*. The asker could ask, for example: "Can I take 1 step forward? Can I take 1 step to the right?"
7. The partner who can see will be the "answerer." The answerer will only be able to answer with a YES or NO response.
8. After the kids have started moving toward the X on the floor, one of the leaders will MOVE the X to a completely unexpected spot in the room!
9. Here's where the game gets interesting. The blindfolded asker may become surprised by some of the "No" answers they will get.
10. If teams are very quickly approaching the X target, then the leader can continue moving it to different places.
11. Continue until one team makes it successfully to the X.
12. Ask kids, "How does this game remind you of our lesson today?" (The blindfolded partner is a lot like us. The answerer is a lot like God. Just because we aren't hearing the answers we want, doesn't mean we should stop asking or give up. It also doesn't mean that we're not still being led to what's best for us.)

## QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about this week's episode of *Life of Tyler*? What did you like about it? What didn't you like about it? What stood out to you?
2. Tell about a time when you prayed for something and you saw God answer it.
3. Tell about a time when you prayed for something and you felt like it didn't get answered?
4. Why do you think it feels like sometimes God answers prayers and other times it seems like He doesn't?
5. Do you believe that God will answer all of your prayers? Why or why not?
6. Open up your Bible or Bible App and read **Isaiah 55:9** together.
7. What do you think this verse means and is talking about?
8. Do you believe that God knows what's best and will answer prayers according to what's best? Why do you believe that or why not?
9. What's something big that you need to be praying for in your life right now? Pray about that every day this week.

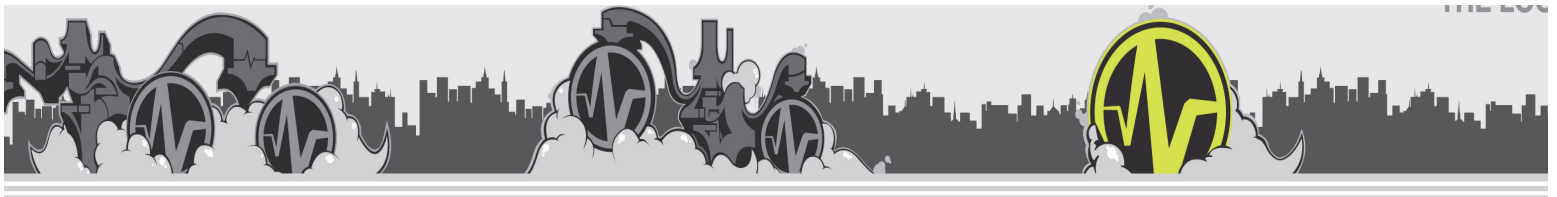
Read through the challenge cards and encourage each student to follow through and complete theirs this week. Remind them to get it signed and bring it back next week.

## TRANSITION OUT OF VIDEO

As you start to head to your groups think about this question: why does it seem like sometimes God answers prayers and other times it seems like He doesn't?

All right...let's break into our groups.





## LIFE OF TYLER//WEEK 3//BOLDNESS & EXPECTATION

### INTRO

Okay, how many of you have prayed for something and have seen God answer it? Just raise your hand. Now be honest here . . . how many of you have prayed for something and you felt like God didn't answer it? Honestly. Just raise your hand.

Have you ever wondered why it seems like sometimes our prayers get answered and other times they don't? How does God choose what prayers He wants to take care of and which one's He's like "Nah, they'll be fine."

Well this week we are going to be looking at this a little more in this week's episode of *Life of Tyler*.

### CLOSE

We saw as Tyler was watching his mom pray bold prayers for her daughter. Tyler learned that God is powerful and that he should pray expecting God to answer.

But not everything worked out like Tyler had hoped. Yeah, his sister Erin was coming to her senses. . . prayer answered right . . . but what about his best friend Ethan? Tyler prayed a bold prayer for Ethan's dad to come back home and he later finds out that they're getting divorced instead. Well what's up with that? Why does God work that way?

Isaiah 55:9 says, *For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.*

We have to understand that God sees the whole picture of life where as we only see parts of it. God sees things from a heavenly, eternal perspective. We can only see things as they are happening right now. So when we don't see God answering our prayers the way we want Him to, part of having faith is trusting that He knows better than us. We have to trust that He is a loving caring God that wants what's best for us.

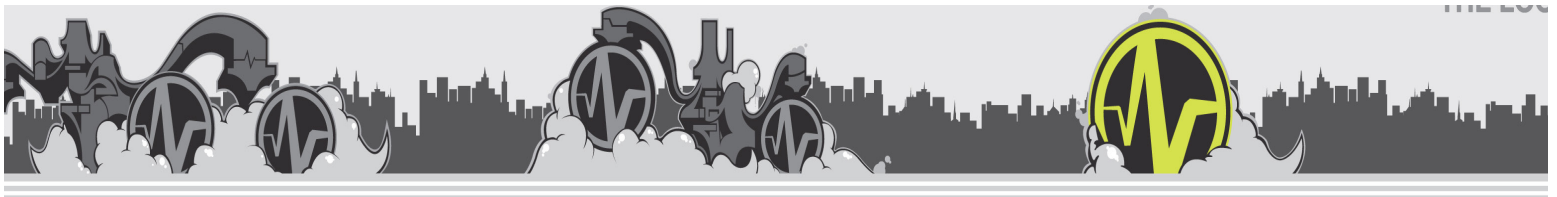
There's this story in the Bible in the book of Daniel where these three guys Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego go against culture. Everyone in the town was required to bow down to the king when they heard the royal music play. If you didn't bow down the consequence was you were thrown into a furnace and burned alive. Well one day the music played and everyone in the land bowed down, everyone except for these three guys. The king gets ticked and this is where we pick up in Daniel 3:15 *"If you are now ready to do so, bow down and worship the gold statue I've made when you hear the sound of horn, pipe, zither, lyre, harp, flute, and every kind of instrument. But if you won't worship it, you will be thrown straight into the furnace of flaming fire. Then what god will rescue you from my power?" Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar: "We don't need to answer your question. If our God—the one we serve—is able to rescue us from the furnace of flaming fire and from your power, Your Majesty, then let him rescue us. But if he doesn't, know this for certain, Your Majesty: we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you've set up."*

These guys trusted God so much that they were willing to die for Him. They believed that God would save them from the fire. Then they said something very interesting . . . *but . . . if . . . not*. Basically they are saying even if God doesn't save them they will still worship Him. No matter what, they trust God. And in the end God does end up saving them!

Even if you don't understand why or why not, don't lose trust or faith in God.

So when you pray, know that you are praying to a God who can do anything. Pray with boldness and know that God ALWAYS hears your prayers. Expect God to move when you pray. Know that God will do things and change things. Through prayer God will do so much more than we could ever ask, think, or imagine.






So my challenge to you this week is to pray with boldness, believing and having faith in a God who cares about you and has your best interest in mind. Go and pray with boldness and expectation.



# Life of Tyler



# Week 3



Do you believe that God will answer your prayers? He will! When we pray we need to pray like we believe and expect God to do more than we could ever ask, think, or imagine!

Look at the bold prayer that Joshua prayed here: ... *Joshua prayed to the Lord in front of all the people of Israel. He said, "Let the sun stand still over Gibeon, and the moon over the valley of Aijalon."* So the sun stood still and the moon stayed in place until the nation of Israel had defeated its enemies. ... Joshua 10:12-13 NLT

Joshua prayed for something that was impossible for him but God was able to do it! What is something you need to pray for that seems like it would be impossible?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

