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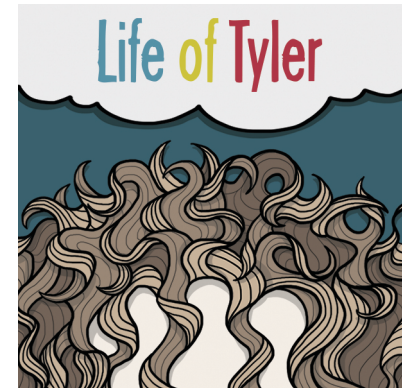
Check-Out

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 6: Life of Tyler

THE POINT

God isn't your parents and your parents aren't God.

GAME

Scratch & Draw!

The Point

Sometimes what we believe about God isn't really the right picture of who He is. This game is a fun variation on the "Telephone Game" to demonstrate that we constantly need to check our thoughts about God against the truth of who God is.

Who will play?

Everyone

What do we need?

- Drawing template (1 per Loop group)
- Back Scratch Drawing Quadrant Paper (1 per Loop group)
- Pen or pencil (1 per Loop group)

How do we play?

1. Separate students into their Loop groups. Seat them in a single file line.
2. Give the student at the front of the line the Back Scratch Drawing Quadrant Paper and a pen or pencil.
3. Give the student at the end of the line a drawing template page. Do NOT let the other students see the template. ONLY the student at the end can see this.
4. When you say "GO," the student with the template will draw design #1 on the back of the student in front of them.
5. That student will then draw the design they felt as best they can on the back of the student in front of them.
6. Continue down the line this way. The student at the front of the line will translate what they felt drawn on their back onto paper.
7. When they're finished, they shout, "DONE!" This signals the student at the end of the line to start drawing design #2 on the back of the student in front of them.
8. Continue this way until time's up, or until each group has drawn all 4 designs.
9. Give students about 5 minutes to complete this challenge.
10. When they're done, the groups can huddle up and look at the template.
11. The group that had drawings that most closely resemble the template pictures is the winner. Give them a big round of applause!
12. Ask students if they were surprised at how different their final drawing was compared to the template?
13. If we're trying to understand who God is, should we only look at people, or should we go right to the Bible? Why?

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. What do you like most about your parents? Why do you like those things?
3. What's something you would change about your parents? Why would you change that?
4. On a scale of 1-10 (1=not at all, 10=really well) how well do you get along with your parents? Why did you choose that number?
5. What are some ways you are a lot like your parents? Why?
6. What are some ways you are very different from your parents?
7. What are some ways you think God is like your parents? Why do you think that?
8. What are some ways you think God is different from your parents? Why do you think that?
9. Open up your Bible or Bible App and read **Romans 8:14-15** together.
10. What's happening in this verse? What is it talking about? What does it all mean?
11. What are some ways you can build a great relationship with your parents?

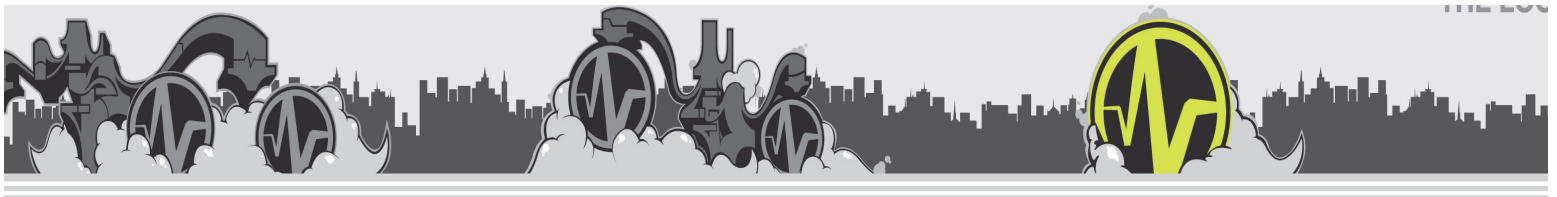
Read through the challenge cards and encourage each student to follow through and complete theirs this week. Remind them to get it signed and bring it back next week.

TRANSITION OUT OF VIDEO

Tyler viewed God through the way his parents acted toward him.

As you go into your groups, be thinking about who you think God is because of who your parents are to you.

Head into your groups and discuss that.



LIFE OF TYLER//WEEK 6//GOD & YOUR PARENTS

INTRO

Here's what I want you to do . . . I want you to think of one word that you would use to describe God. Get that word in your head right now. Now really quick: turn to someone around you and share with each other what that word is. Go ahead and do that right now . . . share your word with someone around you. *(pause)* Okay come on back up here. Focus in.

We all have different words we would use, different ideas of who we think God is and how we would describe Him. But did you know that your parents--both good and bad--help shape how we view God. Who your parents are helps you create the image of God that you have.

Today we're going to see how different things happen in Tyler's family and how his parents react to these things; which causes Tyler to feel certain ways about God. So let's go to this week's episode of *LIFE OF TYLER*.

CLOSE

We saw in this week's episode that Tyler viewed God in a lot of different ways. He knew it hurt God to see him hurt through the way his mom cared for him when he got stung. He felt like God cared about the little things by how his dad was there for him when he was having a hard time with his homework. But he also thought that God was bothered by him and mad at him because he thought that his dad was mad. He makes a comment that dad is like God and God is like dad. While that's not entirely true, what is true is that we do often view God through the way our parents behave and interact with us.

My dad was a hard worker. All he wanted to do was provide for his family and because of that he was at work a lot. He had really good intentions but he just missed it a little bit. But because that's how my dad was in our family, that's also who I thought God was too. I felt like God cared about me and loved me but I also often felt like He was far off and not very close.

It was also very easy for me to believe that God would sacrifice for me and it was easy to view Jesus as my savior because that's what my mom did for me. I remember a bunch of times that my mom sacrificed for me by putting herself in the way when things were really bad in my life. She stood in and took it on herself.

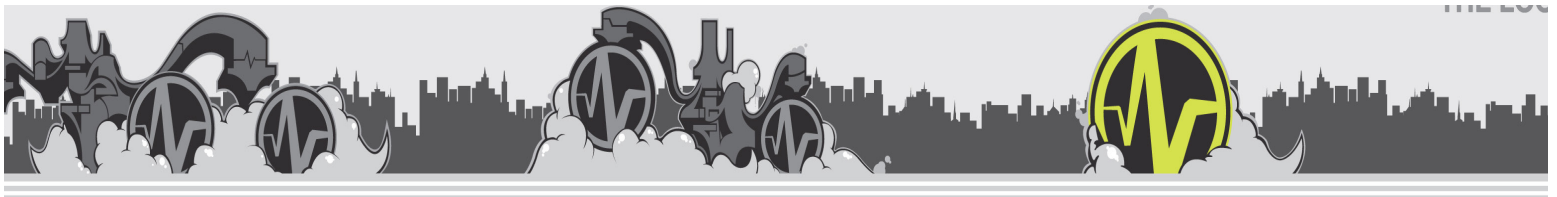
God gives us our families, our parents, our siblings, to help us have an example of what our relationship with Him is like and who He is to us.

We all want parents who love us and care for us no matter what happens. Well that's who God is. He loves and cares about us so deeply. Our parents try to provide for our needs. God provided what we need. Our parents help grow us and shape us into who we'll become. God grows us and matures us.

But here's where we have to be careful . . . we all have different types of parents, and while our parents are an example of God . . . they aren't God. God is so much bigger than any relationship that we have on this earth. There is nothing that compares. God will never let us down, hurt us, abandon us, or make mistakes. And we as humans . . . we all make mistakes, we mess up.

How many of you have ever made a mistake before? Come on raise your hands? I am. We all have. And here's the thing: as you get older you will still make mistakes. When you become an adult you will still continue to make mistakes. And even when you become a parent way down the road you will still make mistakes. So would you expect your parents to be any different? Do you expect them to be perfect? The answer should be no. So while our parents can be great examples and reflections of who God is we have to be careful not to make God what He's not. While your parents may have bad days and can be short with you, God doesn't have bad days. Sometimes your parents will discipline you in hurtful ways. God will never hurt you. God is perfect and His love is unfailing.





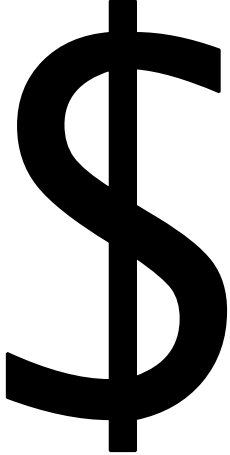
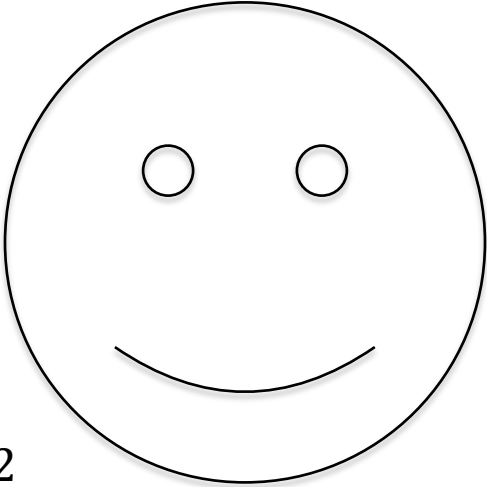
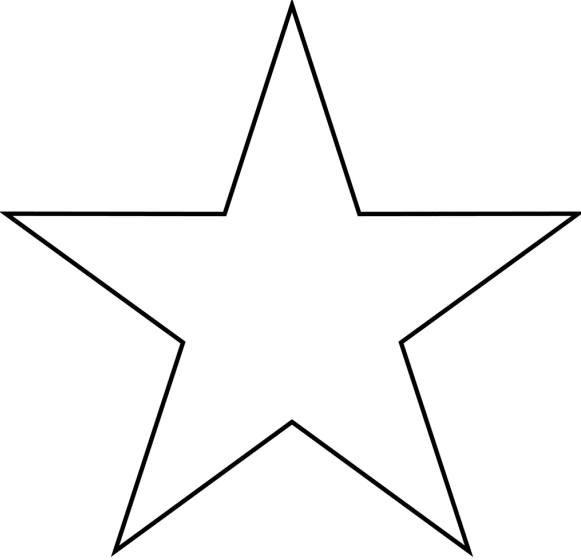
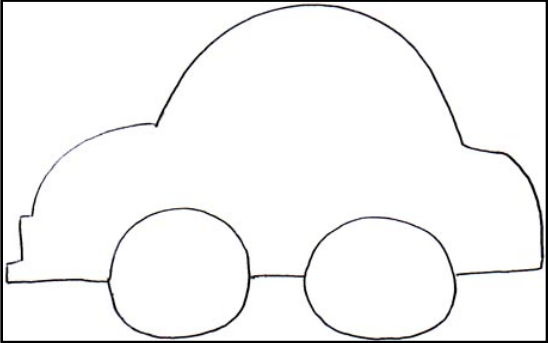
Romans 8:14-15 Only those people who are led by God's Spirit are his children. God's Spirit doesn't make us slaves who are afraid of him. Instead, we become his children and call him our Father.

We are God's children. We belong to Him. He loves you and cares for you, and you are His child.

God gave you your parents to be an example of our relationship with Him. We can learn a lot about who God is through who are parents are with us. But remember God isn't your parents. And your parents. . . well they aren't God.



LIFE OF TYLER//WEEK 6//Back Scratch Drawing Template

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LIFE OF TYLER//WEEK 6//BACKSCRATCH DRAWING QUADRANT PAPER

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