

# KEY RELATIONSHIPS

**STUDENT BOOKLET**

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# Week 1 | Relationships

## (Genesis 2:18–23)

### Key Phrase

How I engage relationships tells me about \_\_\_\_\_  
and the relationship I have with \_\_\_\_\_.

- God gave us key relationships for a \_\_\_\_\_.
- God created us to be in \_\_\_\_\_ with one another.



### Key Thought

**It's not good for man to be alone.**

### Discussion Questions

1. Why does God say being alone is not good?
2. What are some examples of the different types of relationships in your life?
3. How can the way you treat people show that you love God?

# Week 2 | Authority

(Romans 13:1–5)

## Key Phrase

How I \_\_\_\_\_ relationships tells me about myself  
and the \_\_\_\_\_ I have with God.

- \_\_\_\_\_—Everyone who is responsible for you.
- All authority that we're under has been given to us by \_\_\_\_\_.
- How do we show \_\_\_\_\_ for our authority?
  - » Obedience
  - » Prayer



## Key Thought

<sup>4</sup> The authorities are God's servants, sent for your good. But if you are doing wrong, of course you should be afraid, for they have the power to punish you. They are God's servants, sent for the very purpose of punishing those who do what is wrong. <sup>5</sup> So you must submit to them, not only to avoid punishment, but also to keep a clear conscience. (Romans 13:4–5)

## Discussion Questions

1. Why is our relationship with authority important?
2. List some examples of authority over you.
3. Is it hard or easy for you to respect authority? Why?
4. How does the way you respond to authority reflect your relationship with God?

Authority	How They Help Me	What Happens If I Don't Obey

# Week 3 | Parents

## (Ephesians 6:1–3)

### Key Phrase

\_\_\_\_\_ I engage relationships \_\_\_\_\_ me about myself  
and the relationship I have with God.

- God has a specific \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for parents.
- A parent's most important \_\_\_\_\_ is to disciple their kids.
- Children have an important job too:  
» \_\_\_\_\_



### Key Thought

Children, obey your parents because  
you belong to the Lord, for this is the  
right thing to do. (Ephesians 6:1)



## **Discussion Questions**

1. Why should we listen to our parents?
2. What makes it hard to obey sometimes?
3. What helps you choose to obey even when it's hard?
4. How does listening to your parents help you learn to listen to God?

# Week 4 | Siblings

(John 13:34–34)

## Key Phrase

How I engage relationships tells me \_\_\_\_\_ myself  
and the relationship I have \_\_\_\_\_ God.

- Entitled: Thinking you \_\_\_\_\_ something
- Why are we supposed to \_\_\_\_\_ our siblings? Because did it first.
  - » What would it look like to \_\_\_\_\_ yourself enough to your siblings?



## Key Thought

**We don't actually deserve anything.**

## Discussion Questions

1. Why is it hard to be kind and respectful towards your siblings?
2. What's the difference between being entitled and being humble?
3. What does John 13:34–35 show us about why and how we are supposed to love our siblings?
4. How did God show his love for us?
5. What does your relationship with your siblings show you about your relationship with God?

Example	Entitled Response	Humble Response
Hit me	Hit him harder	Forgive

# Week 5 | Friends

(John 15:12–13)

## Key Phrase

How \_\_\_\_\_ engage relationships tells me about myself  
and the \_\_\_\_\_ I have with God.

God \_\_\_\_\_ friendships for our \_\_\_\_\_.

- We need to learn what it means:

» \_\_\_\_\_

» \_\_\_\_\_



## Key Thought

Laying down one's life means  
putting others first.

## Discussion Questions

1. How does God call us to love each other? (John 15)
2. Why did God create friendships?
3. Why does being humble matter to us being a good friend?
4. What would unconditional love look like in your friendships?
5. What does your relationship with your friends reveal about your relationship with God?

**Make a list of friends who have been a meaningful part of your life.** Think about the ones who could use a little encouragement right now. Then, write them a short note to let them know how much you value their friendship and why they're important to you.

**Think about people in your life who you don't know very well but would like to get to know better.** Make a list of those people. Then, brainstorm a few ways you could build a stronger connection with each of them—whether it's starting a conversation, inviting them to do something together, or simply asking questions to learn more about them.

# Week 6 | Unbelievers

## (Matthew 5:14–16)

### Key Phrase

How I engage relationships tells me about \_\_\_\_\_  
and the relationship I have with \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 13:20

Walk with the wise and become \_\_\_\_\_;  
associate with fools and get in \_\_\_\_\_.

John 3:16

For this is how God loved the \_\_\_\_\_: He gave his one  
and only Son, so that \_\_\_\_\_ who believes in him will  
not perish but have eternal life.



### Key Thought

**It matters to Jesus that we are  
friends with people who don't  
believe the same things as us.**

### Discussion Questions

1. What does a “believer” believe about God?
  - » Why should we have relationships with people who aren't believers?
2. According to John 3:16, whom did God send Jesus for, and why?

3. When it comes to your friendships, do you tend to move towards, or away from, people who are not believers? Why do you think that is?



- 4. What do your friendships with people who don't know Jesus show about how close you are to Jesus?** Think about how you treat them, talk to them, and care for them. What does that say about your friendship with Jesus?

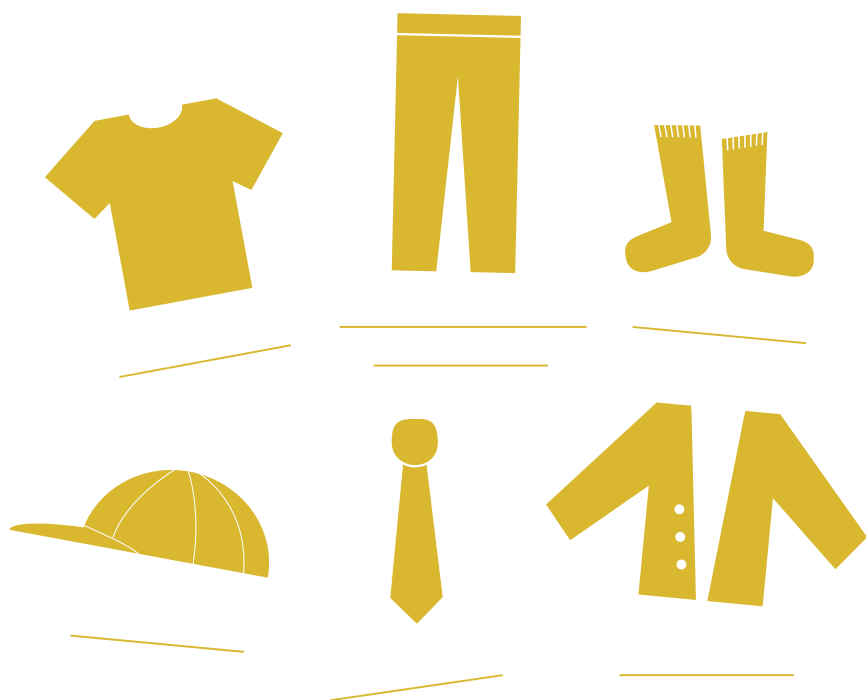
# Week 7 | Believers

(Colossians 3:12–14)

## Key Phrase

\_\_\_\_\_ I engage relationships \_\_\_\_\_ me about  
myself and the relationship I have with God.

**Colossians 3:12–14**



**Tenderhearted Mercy**

**Kindness**

**Humility**

**Gentleness**

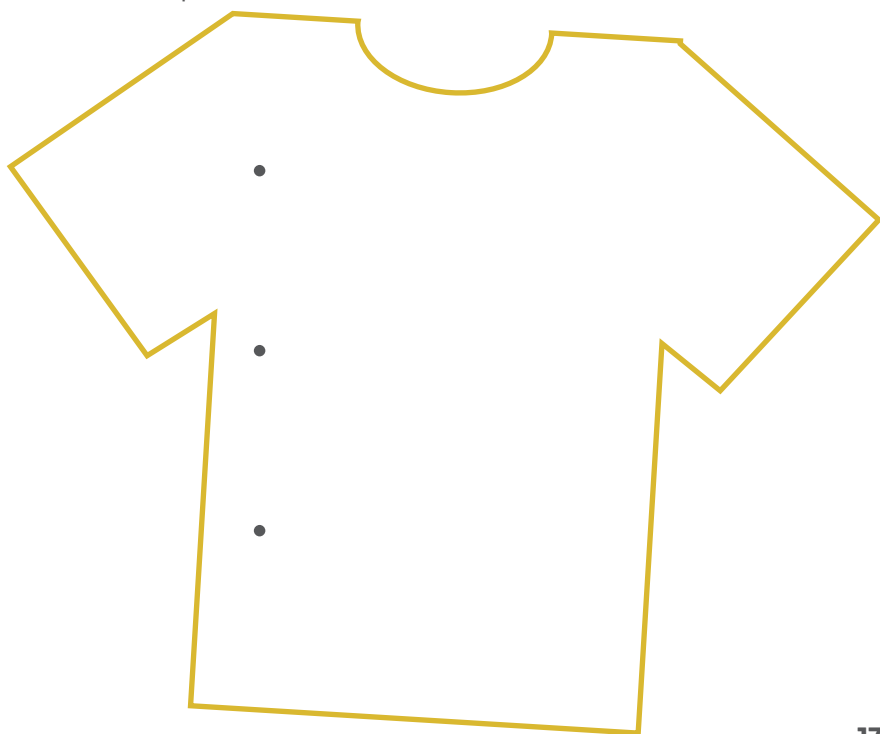
**Patience**

**Love**



## Discussion Questions

1. As you think about tenderhearted mercy, kindness, love, humility, gentleness, and patience, which one feels the most confusing to understand?
2. Which one of these feels the most natural to you? Why?
3. Which one of these feels most challenging to you? How can you grow in this area?
4. Read Colossians 3:12–14. What does the passage say that love's role is? What does it look like to show love towards another believer?
5. How you treat your friends who love Jesus can show how close you are to God. Do you help them, forgive them, and show kindness? The way you treat them can tell you a lot about your friendship with God.



# Week 8 | Opposite Gender

## (1 Timothy 5: 1–2)

### Key Phrase

How I engage relationships tells me about myself  
and the \_\_\_\_\_ I have with \_\_\_\_\_.

Steps for engaging the opposite gender in a way that honors God:

- Get to \_\_\_\_\_ them
- Be \_\_\_\_\_
- Be \_\_\_\_\_



### Key Thought

It is a blessing to get to know people who  
are different from us.

### Discussion Questions

1. How did it feel to work with girls/boys? Why did it feel that way?
2. What are the benefits of having friendships with the opposite gender?
3. Why is it hard to make friendships with the opposite gender?
4. What does the way you engage in relationships with the opposite gender tell you about your relationship with God?

**What are some kind things you can do this week to be a better friend to the opposite gender?** Think about how you treat them, talk to them, and include them when you're playing or working together.

# Week 9 | God

(John 14:21)

## Key Phrase

How I engage relationships tells me \_\_\_\_\_ myself  
and the relationship I have \_\_\_\_\_ God.

How I engage in my relationship with God will impact every  
relationship I have.

Three ways to work on my relationship with God:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- If we love God, we will \_\_\_\_\_ God.
- If we trust God, we will be \_\_\_\_\_ to God.



## Key Thought

Following God isn't about rules,  
it's about trusting God.

## Discussion Questions

1. Which relationship is the "Key Stone" relationship?
2. What does the way you obey God show about how you love him?

3. Do you put effort into your relationship with God?
4. We talked about praying, reading, and trusting. We're going to take a moment to think about how we're doing in each category.

Prayer	Read	Trust
<div>10</div> <div>5</div> <div>0</div>	<div>10</div> <div>5</div> <div>0</div>	<div>10</div> <div>5</div> <div>0</div>

**How can you practice these three categories in your relationship with God this week? Write them down.**





