



*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 1: God and Us

**Big Idea:** God is with us wherever we go.

**Key Verse:** "Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love." (Romans 8:38b, NLT)

**Supplies:** Bibles

### HANGOUT

1. DISCUSS:
  - a. Where would be the weirdest place to take your grandma? Why?
  - b. Is there a part of your life that if you could actually SEE God there, you would feel uncomfortable or weird? [e.g., when you're online, on Snapchat, or on a date]
  - c. Do you think the statement "Belief drives behaviour" is true? [e.g., I believe that tomorrow will come, so I set my alarm to wake me up] Why or why not?
  - d. Does your belief lead your behaviour or do you let your behaviour lead your beliefs? How do your beliefs about God, his love, Jesus, etc., lead your behaviour?

### HEAR

2. Look up and read Romans 8:35-39.
 

**Leader Tip:** If you have a more mature group, consider starting at Romans 8:1 and reading through to verse 39. Pause after reading every few verses and ask if anything stood out to students or if they need any clarification.
3. DISCUSS:
  - a. In your own words, what is this passage saying?
  - b. Have you ever felt as if something separated you from God's love? Do you think that guilt or shame ever leads you to try to hide from God? Can you think of a situation when this was true for you?
  - c. Has God ever felt far away from you? Why? What was this experience like?
  - d. Has God ever felt extra close to you? How did this make you feel?
  - e. How does knowing that **God is with us wherever we go** make your life different from someone at school who doesn't know God?

### HUDDLE

4. DISCUSS: What's something in your life that you feel separates you from God, even though God doesn't want it to? [e.g., porn addiction, relationships, other temptations]
5. Pray together with your small group about these barriers.
6. Allow for a few minutes of quiet. Encourage the students to ask God to speak to their hearts during this time.
7. To wrap up, remind your students: God is with us wherever we go because he is FOR us not against us. Thank God for his love and grace.