

# DEVOTIONAL FOR VOLUNTEERS



## **STUDY**

Imagine visiting one of your favorite museums but not being able to use your senses. You're told to look at an ancient artifact to understand the existence of another culture in history but the crowd is blocking your view and you can't see anything. You're walking through a fascinating exhibit but you can't hear the tour guide's commentary. You can smell the food court but the lines are too long for you to taste anything they're selling. Without your senses, you lose perspective. It's only by engaging your available senses that you gain understanding and become more involved in the experience. Similarly, Jesus gives us what we need to be able to experience God differently. To get ready for teaching about the early life and ministry of Jesus, **spend a few minutes reading the stories we'll be teaching kids this month.** As you do, think about what God has taught you (and is still teaching you) through these passages, and how these Big Ideas have been true in your life.

**WEEK 1:** We can see God through Jesus (John 1:1-18; John 14:6-11).

**WEEK 2:** We can hear God's voice if we listen (Luke 3:15-17, 21-22; Psalm 29).

**WEEK 3:** Jesus gives us a taste of God's power (John 2:1-11; Psalm 34:8-9).

**WEEK 4:** The Bible shows us how to experience God (Luke 4:14-21; 2 Timothy 3:14-17).

**WEEK 5:** Following God makes us stand out (Luke 4:22-30; Psalm 71:1-6).

## **PRAY**

Think back to one of those extra-long zoom meetings you wished was in person. Could you hear everyone perfectly? Did you miss some facial expressions of the people who were talking? How did you do in that environment? What would have made it so you could communicate more clearly?

Better than an upgraded Wi-Fi connection, Jesus shows how connected he was to God, and helps us experience God more vividly. Which passage of Scripture or Big Idea from this month is most relevant to you right now? Spend a few minutes asking God to show you how you've already grown in this area, plus the next step you need to take in order to keep growing.

## **GROW**

So what's your next step? Are you noticing how Jesus can shape your experience of God? Is your perspective limited right now because of your proximity to Jesus? What are some things you can do to get closer to God through Jesus? **Whatever your next step is right now, take it. Then help kids do the same.**