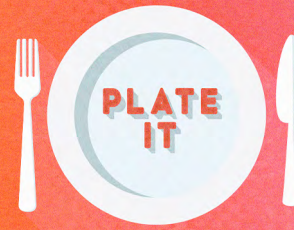


DEVOTIONAL

FOR VOLUNTEERS



STUDY

Think about a time when you followed a recipe and nailed it. Good memories, right? Then there were times when you followed the instructions but forgot a major ingredient, daydreamed through an important detail, or botched the cooking time. Those are the kitchen disasters we want to forget. Just like in most cooking scenarios, we have the potential to get off course in our lives. We wander a little, then bam! We're lost. We swap out a good habit for a not-so-good one, then boom! We're in trouble. Before we help kids grow, think about what the Prophets have to teach you. **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: Step one, trust God (1 Kings 17:8-16; Mark 12:38-44).

WEEK 2: Step two, talk to God (1 Samuel 1:4-20; Psalm 16).

WEEK 3: Step three, listen to God (1 Samuel 3:1-10; 19-21; Proverbs 2:1-5).

WEEK 4: Step four, leave the results to God (Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:29-33).

PRAY

Let's mentally lay out the ingredients the Prophets give us to see how they work. Think about answering questions as a way to talk to God. What's something you'd really like to trust God with but you struggle believing God can help? What's one way you can talk to God about it? Why not stop right now and try? If there are things that distract you from listening to what God says, what are they? What's something you can do to quiet those things so you can hear from God more clearly? Does it help to know that the results are in God's hands?

The Scripture this month helps us learn how to follow God by hearing the voices of the Prophets. **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? Is there something complicated going on right now and you need to trust God? Talk to God? Spend time listening to God? What is something you can do today that says, "I'm leaving the results with God"? **Whatever your next step is right now, take it. Then help kids do the same.**