

# HOME GROUP CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

## 2nd Semester

### EAT THIS BOOK CHALLENGE

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January 18 - Doubt and Fear - Don't Run Away From Your Doubts - Mark 9:14-27

**WHAT:** We don't have to hide our doubts from God - we can tell him exactly what we're feeling.

**WHY:** God isn't afraid of our doubts, and our honesty opens the door to finding answers and addressing our doubts and struggles.

**HOW:** Students will be encouraged to understand the importance of not hiding their doubt, going to Jesus when they experience doubt, and learning more to help overcome their doubt.

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January 25 - Doubt and Fear - Jesus Will Help You Face Your Fears - Mark 4:35-41

**WHAT:** We cannot totally avoid fear in life, but we can decide how we will respond during those fearful, challenging moments.

**WHY:** As followers of Jesus, we can turn to him for help, safety, protection, and rescue from fearful situations.

**HOW:** Students will examine how life will bring moments of fear, how they choose to respond to those fears, and what it means to look to Jesus in the midst of their fears.

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February 8 - Sexuality - Run Away! - 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 and Matthew 5:27-30

**WHAT:** God calls us to run away from sexual sin instead of trying to negotiate or justify or consider or examine or discuss or ponder it.

**WHY:** Sexuality is a big deal and will affect all areas of life - positively or negatively.

**HOW:** Students will discuss why God has such deep concern about the impact of sexual sin in our lives, and they'll be encouraged to "run away" from anything outside God's plan.

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## February 15 - Sexuality - Boy Meets Girl - 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 and Matthew 6:33

**WHAT:** God cares about the people who are closest to us - including the people we choose to date and the person we might someday marry.

**WHY:** Choosing to date people who don't share our values and beliefs can be detrimental and can lead us away from God.

**HOW:** Students will be encouraged to examine current and future guy/girl relationships in their lives in the light of what the Bible says.

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## March 14 - Four Things - Lying - Acts 5:1-10

**WHAT:** Lying is easy and seems harmless, but it causes us to weaken good relationships with God and others, and damages our soul.

**WHY:** When we lie, we're no longer free to fully follow God - we become a damaged, weakened version of ourselves.

**HOW:** Students will be encouraged to become greater truth-tellers and to follow God's direction of confession - it's a hard practice, but it can build their reputation and character.

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## March 21 - Four Things - Gossip - Proverbs 16:28

**WHAT:** Gossip might seem harmless, but it actually hurts and ruins relationships.

**WHY:** God wants us to love others and build relationships, not tear people down through our words.

**HOW:** Students will be encouraged to consider how they can avoid hearing and sharing gossip, and how they can speak positive, helpful, encouraging words to people and about people.

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## March 28 - Four Things - Popularity - Mark 9:33-35

**WHAT:** We have a natural desire to belong, but we need to recognize when this pursuit defines and dictates the decisions we make.

**WHY:** When we pursue popularity more than loving God and loving others, we won't find lasting peace or real joy in life.

**HOW:** Students will examine the dangers of making popularity the highest pursuit in life, and they'll consider ways to battle that temptation by serving others.

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April 18 - Choice and Consequence - Sensible Decisions at School - Romans  
7:14-20

**WHAT:** Students have the opportunity to make sensible, wise choices at school, whether they are doing homework, sitting in a classroom, or finding a place to sit at lunch.

**WHY:** Making sensible, wise decisions is a way to honor God, and it opens the door to a better life.

**HOW:** Students will examine the value of choosing to do the right thing at school and choosing to do everything for God's glory, and they'll discover how doing what God loves makes life better.

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April 25 - Choice and Consequence - Sensible Decisions of Friends - Proverbs  
13:20

**WHAT:** We need to surround ourselves with friends who make good, sensible choices.

**WHY:** Choosing the right friends makes us better people because we can more easily develop Christ-like character qualities.

**HOW:** Students will be challenged to think wisely about their closest friends and consider specific ways they can positively influence friends, acquaintances, and classmates.