

ABOUT THIS SERIES

Good movies capture our imaginations and transport us to other worlds. As we watch our favorite movies with popcorn in hand, we may not realize all of the work, edits, and rewrites that went into making the cinematic masterpiece. The same is true of our faith, too. We might expect our relationship with God to look like a finished product, but really, our faith and relationship with God are still in the making. In this 4-week series from the Gospels and Epistles, we'll explore what can happen when we invest in spiritual formation. We'll see how **spending time with God can make us more like Jesus** and how, **when we face temptation**, we can **ask God for help**. We'll also discover how **with God, difficult moments can help our character grow** and how **we grow when we make things right with God**.

WEEK 1

This week, we'll hear the story of Moses after he came down the mountain after spending time hearing directly from God.

- **BIG IDEA:** Spending time with God can make us more like Jesus.
- **BIBLE:** Exodus 34:29–31; Romans 12:12; Philippians 2:1–11

WEEK 2

This week, we'll hear the story of when Jesus was tempted in the wilderness and who he turned to when he needed direction.

- **BIG IDEA:** When you face temptation, ask God for help.
- **BIBLE:** Luke 4:1–13; Hebrews 2:18; 1 Corinthians 10:13

WEEK 3

This week, we'll hear Jesus' words to his disciples as he prepared them for a future without his physical presence.

- **BIG IDEA:** With God, difficult moments can help our character grow.
- **BIBLE:** John 15:16–22; Psalm 27:7–14; Romans 8:28

WEEK 4

This week, we'll take a look at Jesus' parable about a fig tree as he inspired his followers to focus on creating healthy relationships.

- **BIG IDEA:** We grow when we make things right with God.
- **BIBLE:** Luke 13:1–9; 2 Peter 3:9; 2 Corinthians 5:16–17

MEMORY VERSE: "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps." — 1 Peter 2:21