

Undefeated: Parent Guide

Week 2

BOTTOM LINE : Because of Jesus, sin is defeated.

SCRIPTURE

“Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:2 NIV

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV

GOAL OF DISCUSSION

To remind students that, because of Jesus, they don't have to be defeated by the sins they struggle with.

THINK ABOUT THIS

In a conversation like this, it will be easy for students to think outwardly rather than look inwardly. When talking about sins, they're going to be tempted to name names or share specific scenarios that *don't* have anything to do with them. Why? Because they may not have the self-awareness to see their own sins clearly, or, if they do, they find it easier to talk generally about others than specifically about themselves. Do your best to speak broadly and steer the conversation away from any names, scenarios, or gossip.

ICEBREAKER:

What's the worst defeat you've ever witnessed? (For example, in a championship game, an epic fail video, in your favorite movie or TV show, etc.)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What's one example of a sin middle schoolers might struggle with? (*Write down the sins your middle schooler lists.*)
2. Of the ones listed, which do you think the average middle schooler feels bad about struggling with or doing?
3. Which ones do you think they don't think are that big of a deal?
4. What do you do when you feel bad about something you've done?
5. On a scale of 1 to 10, how mad do you think God gets when someone sins?
6. Have you ever felt like God was mad at you when you sin?
7. What do you think made you feel that way?
8. How does knowing Jesus died to beat sin for you make you feel?