

WEEK 1

SMALL GROUP GUIDE



Many of our favorite movies, from *Toy Story* to *Moana*, tell the stories of characters who are on a journey to discover who they are and what they were created to do. The stories in Scripture are like this too, but with one big difference: in the Bible, humans aren't the main characters — God is. In this series, we'll explore the stories of people like Cain and Abel, Elijah, Naomi, Ruth, Esther, and some of the earliest Jesus-followers in order to see that who we are can best be understood in the context of who God is. When we discover who our Creator is, we can better understand who we were created to be. Because of who God is, we can **trust how God has made us**, we can **do difficult things**, we can **embrace the unknown**, and we can **take risks for others**.

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

Because of who God is, we can trust how God has made us.

THE BIBLE

Genesis 4:1-8, 37:5-11, 18-36; I Corinthians 12:4-12; Proverbs 14:30

- **Who's your favorite fictional squad and why?**
- **Who are some of the people in your squad, and how did you meet them?**
- **What are some of the times when having a squad you can trust becomes really important?**
- **What are some groups you've been a part of that have felt like family? What made those groups feel like family?**
- **Talk about a time when you didn't feel like you belong.**
- **Do you think our church feels like a family where anyone can belong? Why or why not?**
- **Can you think of anyone who would not feel like they belong at our church? If yes, what could we do to change that?**
- **Everyone is different, but what are some of our differences that can make it difficult for us to get along?**
- **Read Galatians 3:26-28. What do you think this passage teaches us about our differences?**
- **If you're not part of God's family, what's holding you back from accepting the invitation? If you are part of God's family, how can you make it easier for others to join the squad?**