

WEEK 4

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 take risks for others.

THE BIBLE

Esther 1-7; John 15:12-13

- What's something risky you did as a kid?
- What's one risky thing someone your age might do? Can you think of both a positive and a negative example?
- Have you ever seen someone doing something risky to help someone else? What happened?
- Why do you think Esther decided to risk her safety for the benefit of others?
- Have you ever been in a situation where you had to choose between protecting yourself and helping others? What happened?
- Why do you think more people don't take risks to help each other? What prevents you from taking more risks to help others?
- When we have to make a big decision like Esther did, how do we know when to act and when to wait for God to give us more direction?
- Read John 15:12-13. When you take a risk to help someone else, what might that reveal about your relationship with God?
- What's one new or interesting thing you noticed about God today? If that's true about God, what's true about you?
- Can you name one thing you wish you could change or one person you wish you could help? What are you going to do about it?