

YOUTH MINISTRY SMALL GROUP CONTENT

January–April 2026





Scripture: John 3:1-21

Memory Verse: 3

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

Look in the Book

John 3:1-21

Questions:

1. ICEBREAKER: If you could have a do-over moment from your week, what would it be?
2. Why do you think Nicodemus went to Jesus at night?
3. How does the Spirit provide new life?
4. What makes spiritual rebirth different from just trying to be a better person?
5. What do verses 16–17 tell us about God’s heart for the world?
6. How can you walk in the light and reflect God’s love this week?

Activity: Baptism Week

Journal Time

What is standing out to you from today’s text? What can you take with you?





Birthgiving God, You gave us new life when we were born of water and Spirit. Help us live into that new life, refreshed and renewed for your work. Amen.



Scripture: John 4:1-42

Memory Verse: 42

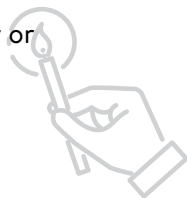
They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

Look in the Book

John 4:1-42

Questions:

1. ICEBREAKER: If you could pick only one beverage to drink for the rest of your life, what would it be?
2. Why do you think the woman came to the well at noon?
3. How can you be more open to conversations with people who are different from you, like Jesus was with the Samaritan woman?
4. How can we be bold in sharing God’s love like the woman did with her town?
5. What do you think it means to be spiritually thirsty, and how does Jesus satisfy that thirst?
6. Is there an area in your life that you feel spiritually thirsty or empty? Share as you feel comfortable.



Activity: Testimony Night

Journal Time

What is standing out to you from today’s text? What can you take with you?

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Prayer (Prayer Requests)

God of life, Shower us in your living water, bringing us to new life, fresh and clean. Walk with us as we share the knowledge of your living water with others, so that all might live. Amen.



Scripture: John 4:46-54

Memory Verse: 48

“Unless you people see signs and wonders,” Jesus told him, “you will never believe.”

Look in the Book

John 4:46-54

Questions:

1. ICEBREAKER: Think of a time when you had to trust someone without seeing proof. How did that feel?
2. What does Jesus’ response, “Go; your son will live,” show about His power and authority?
3. What does this story show us about faith?
4. Is there an area of your life right now where you need to trust Jesus without seeing the outcome?
5. Where have you experienced God’s faithfulness after trusting Him in the past?
6. How can you still grow in faith when it’s hard to see immediate results?



Activity: Bible Scavenger Hunt

Journal Time

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Prayer (Prayer Requests)

God of miracles, Sometimes we are slow to believe in your power, even when your miracles occur all around us each and every day. Open our eyes to see and our hearts to believe. Amen.



Scripture: John 6:35-59

Memory Verse: 35

Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Look in the Book

John 6:35-59

Questions:

1. ICEBREAKER: If you could eat one food forever without getting tired of it, what would it be?
2. What does Jesus mean when He says, “I am the bread of life”?
3. How does believing in Jesus change how we are spiritually nourished?
4. Why do people struggle to understand what Jesus is saying about eating His flesh and drinking His blood?
5. When have you tried to satisfy your hunger (physical, emotional, or spiritual) in the wrong places? How did it turn out for you?
6. How can you rely on Jesus daily for spiritual strength?



Activity: Communion Week

Service: Souper Bowl Drive

Journal Time

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Prayer (Prayer Requests)

God of sustenance, Provide us with your living bread daily so that we might be brought to eternal life. Help us share your living bread with all who will receive it. Amen.



Scripture: John 7:37-52

Memory Verse: 37

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.

Look in the Book

John 7:37-52

Questions:

1. ICEBREAKER: Do you usually follow the crowd or stand your ground? Give an example.
2. Why do you think people were divided in their responses to Jesus?
3. What do you think it means to be “thirsty” spiritually?
4. How can you come to Jesus to be refreshed when your faith feels dry?
5. What helps you stay connected to the “living water” Jesus offers?
6. How can you pour that same living water into the lives of others this week?



Activity: Bible Scavenger Hunt

Journal Time

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Prayer (Prayer Requests)

Holy and loving God, Your son proclaimed living water to all who are thirsty. We are thirsty, Lord. Quench our thirst with your living water and heal our souls. Amen.



Scripture: John 13:1-17

Memory Verse: 8

Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”

Look in the Book

John 13:1-17

Questions:

1. ICEBREAKER: What’s the nicest thing someone has ever done for you?
2. What do you notice about Jesus’ attitude and actions in this passage?
3. Why do you think Peter was uncomfortable with Jesus washing his feet?
4. How does Jesus redefine what leadership looks like? (i.e. servant leadership)
5. When have you seen someone show this kind of humble love or service?
6. What might it look like for you to “wash feet” this week (at home, at school, or with your friends)?



Activity: Mass Service Project

Journal Time

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Prayer (Prayer Requests)

Holy Lord God, Jesus washed the disciples' feet as a sign of service and compassion. Show us how to live and love in service and with compassion, for the sake of all your children. Amen

Scripture: John 18:12-27

Memory Verse: 27

Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

Look in the Book

John 18:12-27

Questions:

1. ICEBREAKER: Has fear every prevented you from doing something? Share as you're able.
2. What stands out to you about how Jesus responds when questioned by the high priest?
3. Why do you think Peter followed Jesus after His arrest?
4. What might have been going through Peter's mind each time he denied knowing Jesus?
5. Have you ever felt pressure to hide your faith, like Peter did? What was that like?
6. What are some ways we can be courageous in following Jesus, even when it's uncomfortable, unpopular or even dangerous?

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Prayer (Prayer Requests)

Holy God, In this season of contemplation, help us to recognize that you revealed yourself in Jesus, who walked among us and was handed over to be crucified. May we be strengthened by his presence among us today. Amen.



Scripture: John 18:28-40

Memory Verse: 37

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

Look in the Book

John 18:28-40

Questions:

1. Have you ever been blamed for something you didn't do? How did that feel?
2. How does Jesus describe His kingdom? What makes it different?
3. Pilate asks, “What is truth?” — how would you answer that question?
4. Why do you think the crowd chose Barabbas over Jesus?
5. What's one area of your life where you find it hard to stand for truth or live for King Jesus?
6. How can you “listen to His voice” more this week?



Activity: Mass Service Project

Journal Time

What is standing out to you from today's text? What can you take with you?

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Prayer (Prayer Requests)

God of truth, Too often we bend truth to fit our needs. Show us how to recognize and follow your truth, shown to us by the love and life of your son, Jesus. Amen.



Scripture: John 19:23-30

Memory Verse: 30

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Look in the Book

John 19:23-30

Questions:

1. ICEBREAKER: What’s something you’ve finished that makes you proud?
2. How do the words “I am thirsty” reveal both Jesus’ humanity and fulfillment of prophecy (Psalm 69:21)?
3. When Jesus said “It is finished,” what do you think He meant?
4. How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus’ work for your salvation is completely finished?
5. What’s something about this passage that surprises or challenges you?
6. How might this passage shape the way you worship, serve others, pray, or simply live your life?



Activity: Bible Scavenger Hunt

Journal Time

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Prayer (Prayer Requests)

Holy God, when facing death, Jesus thought of his mother, Mary, and commended her to the disciple whom he loved. Inspire us by this act of care within community, so we can live with one another in holy love. Amen.



Scripture: Acts 9:1-19

Memory Verse: 17

“Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Look in the Book

Acts 9:1-19

Questions:

1. ICEBREAKER: What's one trait you have that you hope never changes?
2. Why do you think Jesus appeared to Saul in such a dramatic way?
3. What do you notice about Saul's reaction to hearing Jesus' voice?
4. How might have Saul's blindness for three days changed the way he saw himself and God?
5. What stands out to you about Ananias' role in this story? What do you think it took for him to obey God's command?
6. What's an area in your life where you might need to surrender control and let God lead instead?

Activity: Brainstorm Questions for HSM Panel

Journal Time

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Prayer (Prayer Requests)

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Scripture: Acts 16:16-34

Memory Verse: 31

They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”

Look in the Book

Acts 16:16-34

Questions:

1. ICEBREAKER: What is your favorite worship song?
2. What do you think was going through Paul and Silas’ minds when they were beaten and locked up?
3. Why do you think Paul and Silas chose to pray and sing hymns?
4. How did God use their worship to impact the other prisoners and even the jailer?
5. Why didn’t Paul and Silas escape when the doors opened?
6. How might prayer and worship change the way you respond when life feels unfair or overwhelming?

Activity: Debrief HSM Panel

Journal Time

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Prayer (Prayer Requests)

God of freedom, Paul and Silas worshiped you, even when they were flogged and imprisoned. Transform our hearts so that we may also rejoice in you at all times and in all situations. Amen.

Scripture: Acts 17:16-31

Memory Verse: 28

'For in him we live and move and have our being.'



Look in the Book

Acts 17:16-31

Questions:

1. ICEBREAKER: What are some “things” in your life that you couldn’t live without?
2. Why do you think Paul was so disturbed by all the idols in the city?
3. Why do you think the people had an altar “to an unknown god”?
4. What does Paul say about who God is and what He’s like?
5. Where do you see “modern idols” in our world today?

Activity: Cardboard Signs (God Is)

Journal Time

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Prayer (Prayer Requests)

God of the unknown, Your mysteries are astounding. Give us knowledge where you see fit, and let us sit comfortably with that which we can never understand. Amen.

Scripture: Philippians 1:1-18a

Memory Verse: 3

I thank my God every time I remember you.

Look in the Book

Philippians 1:1-18a

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4. What does Paul say about who God is and what He’s like?
5. Where do you see “modern idols” in our world today?
6. What idols have taken over your life lately? How might you put

Activity: End of the Year Party

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Prayer (Prayer Requests)

Holy Lord, May our love overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help us determine what is best, so that we may be pure and blameless in the sight of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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