



## **PASSAGE CONVERSATIONS:** for boys ages 12+

Use this "God's design" as the foundation for your talk on each of the 5 topics found in the passage conversations guide for boys.

# **GOD'S DESIGN:** for relationships

God designed us for community. This means we were always meant to live in meaningful relationship with others. Sin fractured our relationship with God, but also fractured our relationships with each other. We hurt each others' feelings, get offended, envy and wish bad things for others, sometimes even for our own friends.

For all of eternity, Jesus has been in perfect relationship with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Then He entered our sin-fallen world and showed us how to live in community with imperfect people. He often withdrew from people to draw strength from time with the Father. This empowered him to love the people around him well and offer his time and compassion to those who needed him.

As followers of Jesus, our relationships with others should look different than the rest of the world. Our time spent with God empowers us to bear with one another in love.

- He always saw the lost, broken, hurting and moved toward them in compassion.
- We should be intentional to do the same and show His love.
  
- He washed the feet of His disciples, even the one who would betray Him.
- We should serve, love, and forgive others, not just the ones who deserve it.
  
- His words always pointed people to truth and to love.
- We should use our words to build others up and not tear others down.
  
- He was always connected to His Church and a core group of other believers.
- We should be invested in a meaningful way with our church family.