



# The Unlikely Ones

## Study Guide for Teachers

### Season Theme

#### **The Unlikely Ones:**

Stories of men and women considered overlooked, underestimated, or broken—who became great in God's hands. Our aim is to show that God can use anyone, regardless of their background or status, for His purposes.

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### Weekly Structure

#### **1. Story Overview**

Briefly introduce the main character and their background.  
Highlight why they were considered "unlikely."

#### **2. Key Passage**

Read the anchor verse together.

Ask: What stands out? How does this verse connect to the story?

#### **3. Discussion Points**

- What obstacles did the character face?
- How did God use their weakness or situation for good?
- What choices did they make to trust God?
- How does this relate to our own lives?

#### **4. Life Application**

- Encourage sharing personal experiences or feelings.
- Challenge students to make one practical application that week.

#### **5. Prayer**

Pray together, focusing on trusting God to use our lives, no matter our background.

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## Weekly Breakdown

| Week | Character         | Background/Why Unlikely               | Key Words          | Anchor Verse   | Main Lesson  |
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| 1    | Rahab             | Prostitute, outsider in Jericho       | Faith, Redemption  | Joshua 2:11    | Faith and courage can change our story             |
| 2    | Hannah            | Barren, deeply distressed, overlooked | Prayer, Hope       | 1 Samuel 1:27  | Persistent prayer and faith bring hope             |
| 3    | David             | Youngest son, shepherd, overlooked    | Courage, Faith     | 1 Samuel 16:7  | God looks at the heart, not appearance             |
| 4    | Gideon            | Weakest clan, least in family         | Weakness, Strength | Judges 6:15-16 | God's strength is made perfect in our weakness     |
| 5    | Ruth              | Foreign widow, outsider               | Loyalty, Kindness  | Ruth 1:16      | Loyalty and kindness open doors for God's blessing |
| 6    | Esther            | Orphan, exile, became queen           | Destiny, Courage   | Esther 4:14    | God uses us where we are for a purpose             |
| 7    | The Unlikely Ones | Recap/Multiple characters             | Identity, Grace    | 1 Cor. 1:27-28 | God chooses the unlikely to show His greatness     |

## Teaching Flow

- **Stay on Theme:**  
Regularly connect back to the idea that God uses “unlikely” people.
- **Encourage Participation:**  
Use open-ended questions and let students share.
- **Model Vulnerability:**  
Share your own experiences of feeling unlikely or overlooked.
- **Keep It Relational:**  
Build trust; this series is about identity and God's love for the overlooked.
- **Prayer Focus:**  
Emphasize God's acceptance and purpose for each student.

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## Example Icebreakers

- Share a time you felt left out and what happened.
- If you could be any “unlikely” hero in a story, who would it be and why?
- What is one talent or part of you that others might overlook?

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Let's make this a season where every teen knows:

**God can use me, even if I feel unlikely!**