Jr. High Midweek

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Inside

After sin entered the world, it really messed up peoples' connection with God. Thankfully, God had a rescue plan in process! In the meantime, humans made some bad choices by following their own way instead of focusing on God. In this series, students will learn about God's heart for us and how following his way is the best decision we can make.

BIG IDEA
God cares about what's on the inside.

KEY VERSES
God, see what is in my heart...Help me live in the way that is always right.
Psalm 139:23–24 (NIRV)

1 | Hangout

SUPPLIES
- None

INSTRUCTIONS
a. Discuss:
- When have you felt so excited inside that it showed on the outside? What did that look like?
- When have you tried to hide the fact that you were so angry you could really do some damage?
- Do you think how we feel on the inside affects how we act outwardly? Why is that?

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2 | Hear

SUPPLIES
- Bibles

INSTRUCTIONS
a. Discuss:
  - What stood out to you in the Life Story?
  - How did Mark's story relate to today's Big Idea (**God cares about what's on the inside**)?
b. Invite one of the students to recap the God Story.
c. Discuss: How did Cain and Abel's story relate to the Big Idea?
d. Make sure everyone has a Bible. Share them if needed.
e. Look up and read aloud John 12:1–8.
f. Explain that this story takes place a few thousand years after Cain and Abel's story.
g. Discuss:
  - Consider Mary and Judas. How do their parts in this story relate to God caring about what's on the inside?
  - What else stands out to you in this story?

3 | Huddle

SUPPLIES
- Bibles

INSTRUCTIONS
a. Discuss: When Jesus "sees" you, what do you think he sees?
b. Look up and read Psalm 139:23–24 together.
c. Chat about what these verses mean, then use them to launch into prayer. Invite everyone to ask God where they are blinded to what is in their hearts.
d. Ask the students what they'd like to pray about.
e. Pray for one another. Encourage everyone to pray, but don't force them!