

Introducing "Hyped" - A Note to Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you're doing well! We're kicking off a new three-week series called ***Hyped***. Throughout this series, we'll be taking a close look at the life of John the Baptist, one of the boldest voices in the New Testament, to help our students discover what it looks like to be passionate about sharing their faith with others.

Series Overview

This three-week series will help students understand that their **voice**, their **actions**, and their **courage** all play a role in pointing others to Jesus.

Session 1: Proclaiming Jesus with Our Words (September 30)

Big Idea: Your voice matters in God's story.

Question for Discussion: Has there ever been a time you wished you had spoken up but didn't? What stopped you?

Session 2: Proclaiming Jesus with Our Actions (October 21)

Big Idea: Your daily choices tell your faith story.

Question for Discussion: Who's someone in your life whose actions always match their words? What stands out about them?

Session 3: Proclaiming Jesus to the End (October 28)

Big Idea: Following Jesus requires courage and conviction.

Question for Discussion: What are some things that make it more difficult for people your age to keep their eyes on Jesus?

Continuing the Conversation

1. **Look Back on the Series:** Go over the Big Ideas we covered and ask your teen to reflect on how these concepts are showing up in their daily life.
2. **Be Curious:** Engage in deeper discussions about these ideas. A helpful tip: try asking more questions than providing answers. It might be challenging, but it's a great way to demonstrate that you truly value your teenager's thoughts and opinions.
3. **Encourage Sharing:** Motivate your teen to share their insights with peers or other family members. Talking about their beliefs can deepen their understanding and affirm their faith.

Our hope is that the discussion questions provided above might lead your family to open conversations about what it looks like for each of us to use our voices, our actions, and our courage to point others toward Jesus. As always, please feel free to reach out if you ever have any questions!

Blessings,

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