

WEEK 3

SMALL GROUP GUIDE for middle schoolers

UNBELIEVABLE

BIG IDEA

When you can't explain God fully, trust what you know for sure.

BIBLE

John 9:1-41; Isaiah 26:3-4, 35:1-2a

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Life-changing moments can strengthen your faith, but people might question your experience. This week, we'll see how a man who was born blind was healed by Jesus, but the religious leaders pressured him to doubt what happened. His story reminds us that, even when we don't have all the answers and, **when you can't explain God fully, trust what you know for sure.**

MEMORY VERSE

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." — 1 John 5:14 (NIV)

DISCUSSION

- What about your family or friend group would it make it feel totally unfamiliar to someone else? What makes it unique?
- If I were to ask you to give me a word you would use to describe God, what would you say?
- What is the scariest part about stepping out in a leap of faith?
- If you were one character in the story of the man born blind, who would you be? How would you have reacted in their situations? Can you better understand why they acted the way they did when you put yourself in their shoes?
- Read Isaiah 35:1-2a. What do you think of the idea that creation celebrates God's work? What kind of lessons can we learn from the example of creation trusting God?
- Who is someone you trust that you can talk to about your doubts? On the flip side, who is someone you could be a safe and encouraging person for as they work through their own questions?
- When you can't explain God fully, what is something about God you know you can rely on? What would it look like to put that trust into practice this week?