



WIRELESS

WIRED: SESSION ONE

BOTTOM LINE

THE IMAGE OF GOD IS ALL AROUND US.



SCRIPTURE: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." **GENESIS 1:1**
"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." **GENESIS 1:27**

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP: To encourage students to pay attention to the evidence of God all around them. To do this, create meaningful conversation. This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here.

THINK ABOUT THIS

The middle school years are a time of big change and transition. Among many other things, this is likely the first time the students in your group are beginning to ask big questions about God and about their own faith. Some of them may even be asking questions like, "Is God even real?" We know it can be difficult, but don't be afraid of these tough questions! Asking tough questions doesn't necessarily mean your students are walking away from their faith. Asking tough questions is an important part of the process of making their faith their own. And that is a great thing.

JUST FOR FUN

- Which piece of technology could you not live without?
- What do you think life would be like without the Internet?

SAY THIS

"Today we said that God is kind of like the Internet. Can someone explain why and remind us what we just heard?"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are some things we know are real, even if we can't see, hear, or touch them?
- What are some things you see in nature that make you feel connected to God?
- Talk about a time when you saw the image of God in the actions of someone else.
- How are noticing God and loving God connected?
- When is it difficult for you to feel connected with God?
- What are some things you can do this week to look for, and notice, more of God's wiring in the world?

TRY THIS

Give your middle schoolers each a handful of index cards from the Wired Wall. While you talk about noticing God in nature and in others, encourage them to write down an example or two that is meaningful to them and to post it on the Wired Wall before they leave. Give them a couple of cards to take home and encourage them to come back next week with more evidence of God's wiring in the world around them.