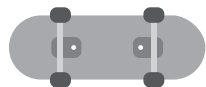




PARENT CUE

GOALS



MIDDLE SCHOOL

WEEK 1

**GALATIANS 5:1;
GALATIANS 5:4**

The goal is freedom.

WEEK 2

GALATIANS 1:10

The goal is to live from approval, not for approval.

WEEK 3

GALATIANS 6:7b-10

The goal is live with the end in mind.

WEEK 4

GALATIANS 5:13-15

The goal is to love people, not judge people.

WEEK 5

**GALATIANS 5:22-23;
GALATIANS 5:25**

The goal is to grow.

THINK ABOUT THIS

WEEK 1: Middle schoolers struggle with abstract concepts. When things aren't explained to them in a way that's concrete, it makes understanding, remembering, and recognizing how things impact their lives a challenge in this phase.

WEEK 2: We all long for the approval of others, but especially so in middle school. The opinions and approval of those around your kid is the driving force for most of their goals in this phase. This can be a good thing, sometimes spurring them toward trying new things. But it can also be negative, sometimes keeping them from doing things they may fail at for fear of losing the approval of those around them.

WEEK 3: Asking a middle schooler to think about the ways their choices today may impact their futures is difficult. Their brains in this phase are wired to focus only on the immediate, making grasping the possible long-term effects of their actions—both good and bad—a challenge.

WEEK 4: We live in a culture that expects and wants immediate gratification, so anything that takes time or doesn't show immediate results is frustrating for a middle schooler. This makes the practice of developing spiritual habits over time especially difficult.

WEEK 5: True freedom can be a difficult thing for middle schoolers to fully understand because to them, freedom simply means the absence of rules. That's why your kid so often pushes against the rules in this phase. They're struggling to find the freedom they desire.

REMEMBER THIS

"Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant."
Galatians 1:10 NLT



PARENT CUE

GOALS



MIDDLE SCHOOL

WEEK 1

**GALATIANS 5:1;
GALATIANS 5:4**

The goal is freedom.

WEEK 2

GALATIANS 1:10

The goal is to live from approval, not for approval.

WEEK 3

GALATIANS 6:7b-10

The goal is live with the end in mind.

WEEK 4

GALATIANS 5:13-15

The goal is to love people, not judge people.

WEEK 5

**GALATIANS 5:22-23;
GALATIANS 5:25**

The goal is to grow.

THINK ABOUT THIS

WEEK 1: Middle schoolers struggle with abstract concepts. When things aren't explained to them in a way that's concrete, it makes understanding, remembering, and recognizing how things impact their lives a challenge in this phase.

WEEK 2: We all long for the approval of others, but especially so in middle school. The opinions and approval of those around your kid is the driving force for most of their goals in this phase. This can be a good thing, sometimes spurring them toward trying new things. But it can also be negative, sometimes keeping them from doing things they may fail at for fear of losing the approval of those around them.

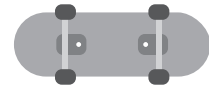
WEEK 3: Asking a middle schooler to think about the ways their choices today may impact their futures is difficult. Their brains in this phase are wired to focus only on the immediate, making grasping the possible long-term effects of their actions—both good and bad—a challenge.

WEEK 4: We live in a culture that expects and wants immediate gratification, so anything that takes time or doesn't show immediate results is frustrating for a middle schooler. This makes the practice of developing spiritual habits over time especially difficult.

WEEK 5: True freedom can be a difficult thing for middle schoolers to fully understand because to them, freedom simply means the absence of rules. That's why your kid so often pushes against the rules in this phase. They're struggling to find the freedom they desire.

REMEMBER THIS

"Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant."
Galatians 1:10 NLT



DO THIS



MORNING TIME

Good things take time to grow, right? Focus on this truth as a family this week by planting something together. Take time to care for it over the next few weeks and watch as something good and beautiful begins to grow!



DRIVE TIME

Help your kid see the way your choices as a teenager have impacted your present life by sharing a few stories with them. Look back on your teenage years and share one thing that you're glad you did back then and one thing you wish you'd done differently.



MEAL TIME

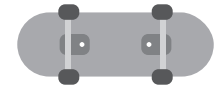
Keep a full bowl of fruit around your house throughout this five-week series. Let it be a tangible reminder of the fruit of the Spirit that God is working on growing in all of us!



BED TIME

Have you ever failed to reach a goal? We all have! Share that story with your kid this week. Talk about a time you set a goal, but failed to meet it. Be sure to share how you felt when you didn't reach that goal and what encouraged you to keep going.

Download the free Parent Cue App
AVAILABLE FOR IOS AND ANDROID DEVICES



DO THIS



MORNING TIME

Good things take time to grow, right? Focus on this truth as a family this week by planting something together. Take time to care for it over the next few weeks and watch as something good and beautiful begins to grow!



DRIVE TIME

Help your kid see the way your choices as a teenager have impacted your present life by sharing a few stories with them. Look back on your teenage years and share one thing that you're glad you did back then and one thing you wish you'd done differently.



MEAL TIME

Keep a full bowl of fruit around your house throughout this five-week series. Let it be a tangible reminder of the fruit of the Spirit that God is working on growing in all of us!



BED TIME

Have you ever failed to reach a goal? We all have! Share that story with your kid this week. Talk about a time you set a goal, but failed to meet it. Be sure to share how you felt when you didn't reach that goal and what encouraged you to keep going.

Download the free Parent Cue App
AVAILABLE FOR IOS AND ANDROID DEVICES