



SAVED

CATCHPHRASE: SESSION ONE

BOTTOM LINE

SALVATION IS MORE THAN A MOMENT.

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SCRIPTURE: PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13 (NIV)

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP: To help students understand that salvation is more than a moment. 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

Something pretty crazy is happening in the brain of every middle schooler. Their brain is growing. Like, super fast. Faster than it has grown since they were an infant. The downside of all of this brain growth is that it makes it difficult for them to focus. When your brain is going through a growth spurt, it's not easy to keep up! But here's one of the many upsides: for the first time, they can begin to understand increasingly abstract concepts, like justice, empathy, and faith. That's why it's important to revisit some of the "basics" of faith, like salvation. Because even if they've heard it all before, they've got a different brain now. They're going to hear and understand it all much differently.

JUST FOR FUN

- What do you think your most-said word or phrase is?
- If you had to go an entire day without saying one particular word, which word would be the hardest for you to avoid?

SAY THIS

"We're talking about words and phrases today but who can tell us why?"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What's one "churchy" word or phrase that you didn't understand the first time you heard it?
- Are there any "churchy" words or phrases that you're still a little bit confused by?
- How would you define the word "salvation"?
- What is it about salvation that's still confusing or mysterious to you?
- What do we mean when we say that salvation can happen in a moment?
- But what does it mean that salvation is more than a moment?
- What are some things that God can "heal" us from?
- What is one thing you can do this week to either begin or continue on your salvation journey?

TRY THIS

The XP for this series is a Start Here guide that can be given to your students to help them begin their salvation journey. The guide explains what it means to trust Jesus as Savior and gives your students an opportunity to do so. Talk about it as a small group.