

WEEK 1

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

W A I T L I S T E D

You know that feeling you get when someone makes you a big promise? You probably feel excited, but you might feel a little skeptical too — especially when that promise gets delayed . . . and delayed again . . . and again. If you have to wait long enough for something you were promised, you might start to wonder when you've waited long enough. Eventually, you might even give up hope. In this 4-week series, we'll meet a handful of people from Scripture who each spent a long time waiting on God. From the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Paul and Silas, King David, and Joseph, we'll discover that **God has a plan, but we might have to wait for it**, and we'll be reminded that, while we're waiting, **God is faithful, God is listening**, and we **should never give up**, because God's not giving up on us.

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

God has a plan, but we might have to wait for it.

THE BIBLE

Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1-6, 16:1-6; Proverbs 3:5-7;
Lamentations 3:25-26

- **What's the longest you've ever had to wait for something? What were you waiting for?**
- **What are some things people your age are waiting for right now?**
- **What are some examples of times when we have to wait for God?**
- **When you heard Abraham and Sarah's story, what's something that stood out to you or surprised you and why?**
- **Why do you think the Bible tells us complicated stories like the story of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar?**
- **In what ways can you relate to the people in this story?**
- **Is there anything you're waiting on God for right now? If so, what is it?**
- **What's the most difficult part about waiting for God?**
- **Read Lamentations 3:25-26. How do you think knowing God better can help make waiting easier?**
- **What's something you can do this week to trust God while you wait?**

ACTIVITY

Play a quick game by having your group guess how long it will take to accomplish a task (like doing 25 push-ups, lining up from tallest to shortest, or whatever you'd like). Start a timer and see how long it actually takes them to complete the challenge!