

## WEEK 2

**Big Idea: The family is where each member discovers his or her God-given identity.**

Wrestling to put my finger on what was different about the families we were meeting in Israel, I asked my friend Jeremy a question: Why did they seem so radically different—stronger, happier—than families I’d encountered in the United States? He explained, “They see the family as one of the main places to find an identity.” At the time, everyone I knew derived identity from education, employment, successes, and line items on a résumé. They sure weren’t defining themselves by their families.

- Can you think of another family wherein each member is discovering his or her God-given identity? Give specific examples.
- Did you—or did you not—come to know your God-given identity within the context of your family? Describe your experience.
- If you’ve not experienced a family in which members derived

identity from one another, where have you seen it occurring in literature or film? (Just not *The Godfather*. Try harder.)

- **FOR YOUNGER TEAM MEMBERS:** What is one quality or characteristic about *you* that is special? How has God made you unique? (Your parents can help if you get stuck!)

## Game Plan

This week, set aside time to reflect on the identity of each member of your family team. Specifically, focus on the unique gifts God has given to each individual. (And keep a record of them, so you can return to take a peek in a decade or two!)

# NOTES