



WEEK ONE

JOHN 6:8-14

Jesus can use whatever you have to do big things.



WEEK TWO

ACTS 2:27-42

Doing big things starts with small steps.



WEEK THREE

LUKE 22:56-57; JOHN 21:15

Jesus doesn't allow our mistakes to be the end of our story.



REMEMBER THIS:

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"

MATTHEW 5:16, NIV



THINK ABOUT THIS:

Popular is a three-week series designed to help your middle schooler recognize the ability they have to influence others and encourage them to use that influence for good. This topic has the potential to empower your kids to see themselves as influencers—something that most middle schoolers don't believe they can be in this phase. It will help them begin to see how they can use that influence for the betterment of themselves, others, and the world around them.

 DO THIS:

**MORNING TIME**

Every time you see your kid use their influence for the good of someone else, call it out! Tell them how you saw them use their influence to help, encourage, or better someone else, and praise them for being a positive influence in that person's life.

**MEAL TIME**

Ask everyone in your family who they look up to or who they want to be like. This could be someone they know personally, like a friend, sibling, or Small Group Leader, or someone famous, like an athlete, singer, or YouTuber. As you share, take note of whose influence your kid is paying attention to in their life.

**DRIVE TIME**

Think about how you're going to respond to your kid when they do something that costs them influence with you. Attempting to pre-decide what your words, tone, and overall response will be will help you handle the conversation better when the moment comes.

**BED TIME**

Reach out to the people in your kid's life who are influencing them for the better. This could be their Small Group Leader, a teacher, a coach, a best friend, an older sibling—anyone who is helping your kid stay on a good path. Send them a text or write them a note to thank for them for being a positive influence in your middle schooler's life.