**DEAR PARENTS:**

This month, we are going through the *I Resolve* lesson series in youth group, and your student is learning about what godly resolve looks like, what Christ-followers commit to, and how God empowers us when our resolve fails. Each lesson gives your student the opportunity to study Scripture and apply it to their own life. Below are the passages we are studying and the main takeaway from each lesson. Additionally, each lesson includes a memory verse, and we’d encourage you to learn these verses alongside your child.

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| **1. Stay Strong**  **Daniel 1:1–17**  **THE TAKEAWAY**  Godly resolve helps Christ-followers stay strong when the world is against them. | **MEMORY VERSE**  “But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank.”  Daniel 1:8 (ESV) |
| **2. Drop Your Backpack**  **Philippians 3:7–14**  **THE TAKEAWAY**  The best resolution you could make is to know God more. | **MEMORY VERSE**  “Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all  things and count them as rubbish,  in order that I may gain Christ.”  Philippians 3:8 (ESV) |
| **3. Your People, My People**  **Ruth 1:1–18**  **THE TAKEAWAY**  Resolving to commit to God means you commit to God’s people, too. | **MEMORY VERSE**  “For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?”  Matthew 5:46–47 (ESV) |
| **4. Plugged In**  **John 15:1–11**  **THE TAKEAWAY**  We won’t always keep our commitments, but Jesus will always keep his commitment to us. | **MEMORY VERSE**  “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.”  John 15:4 (ESV) |

**STUDENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

As a supplement to the lessons, we are also participating in a service activity together. This month, we are hosting a night of free childcare for church families. It should be an impactful time of practically living out what we’re learning.

**QUESTIONS TO ASK**

We realize that you, as parents, are the primary faith influencers in your child’s life. The best disciple making takes place when students’ parents take the lead. Here are some conversation starters to help you talk with your child about what they’re learning:

* What’s something that stood out to you or surprised you from this lesson series?
* What’s an application you’ve made and how is it going?
* How can you grow in your commitment to God and knowing him more?
* How can I be praying for you?