

How To Use This Resource

Herd Junior High are easy-to-use, engaging lessons that are geared toward middle school and junior high students. Bible-based and single-focused, they're designed to help everyone from volunteer leaders to experienced full-time youth workers quickly facilitate great discussions with clear takeaways and real-life application steps.

CHARACTER: INFLUENCERS

WHAT TO DO

1. **One handout / Two options:**

- **SIMPLE:** Give everyone both front and back pages. Just print and go!
- **CUSTOM:** Give students the back page. Keep the front page as a leaders-only resource so you can customize the opening question, teaching, and discussion prompts for your group's needs.

2. **Apply It:** Challenge students to get specific. Growth happens when we make a plan, then ask others to keep us accountable. You may want to choose a different student to personally follow up with after each lesson.

3. **End with prayer:** Each lesson ends with a different prayer method to help students continue thinking about how The Takeaway applies to daily life. Spend a few minutes walking through the prompts to make sure your students know what they need to do when they're on their own during the week.

CHARACTER: INFLUENCERS SERIES OVERVIEW

Five lessons on godly character in action.

These five lessons will show what it looks like to live out Christlike character. Through the examples of several biblical characters, students will see the importance of living life in a way that honors and glorifies God. Each of the people they will study used their influence to point others to Christ, even if it was hard. Students will be challenged to consider how they are living and if they are influencing those around them toward God.

Lesson 1

PAUL'S INTEGRITY

SCRIPTURE:

Acts 16:16–34

THE TAKEAWAY:

Integrity means what you do matches what you believe.

Lesson 2

JONATHAN'S LOYALTY

SCRIPTURE:

1 Samuel 20

THE TAKEAWAY:

Loyalty is the commitment to stick with a person when it's easy and hard.

CHARACTER: INFLUENCERS SERIES OVERVIEW
(continued)

Lesson 3 JOSIAH'S DETERMINATION	SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 22:1–13 & 23:1–25 THE TAKEAWAY: Determination is the ability not to be deterred from a goal, no matter what.
Lesson 4 MARY'S OBEDIENCE	SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:26–38 THE TAKEAWAY: Obedience means doing what God says to do—even when it's hard.
Lesson 5 DANIEL'S CONSISTENCY	SCRIPTURE: Daniel 6 THE TAKEAWAY: Consistency means being the same person in all situations and with all people, no matter what.