

WEEK 2

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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No family is perfect — not even the ones that seem "normal" on the outside. No one truly has a "normal" family, and that's okay! Sometimes it's the most not-normal families that God uses to make the most not-normal difference in the world. In this 4-week series, we'll look at four imperfect and "atypical" families from Scripture. We'll discover that not-so-typical families **are often used by God** because not-so-typical families **pray for each other, have tough conversations, and forgive each other.**

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

Not-so-typical families
pray for each other.

THE BIBLE

Genesis 13:1-13, 18:1-33, 19:27-29;
James 5:16

- **Share one funny fact or story about your "atypical" family from the past week!**
- **What's the dumbest thing your family has disagreed about recently?**
- **When you have a disagreement with a family member how do you usually fight with them? Do you scream? Give them the silent treatment? Debate? Walk away?**
- **Tell us about one big fight you've gotten into with a family member recently. How did it get resolved?**
- **How often do you pray for each of your family members?**
- **When you pray for your family members, what do you usually pray for?**
- **How do you think prayer could help your family during a conflict?**
- **How do you think prayer could help your family when things are going well?**
- **Read James 5:16. How can we apply this verse to our families?**
- **This week, who is one family member you want to pray for regularly? Why did you choose them?**

ACTIVITY

Encourage students to share something about their family that they need prayer for. In pairs or as a group, pray for each other's families.