

# GOD'S NOT DEAD

## Supplies you will need:

- Movie
- Bible

## Before you start

- Read through all of the discussion questions and Bible verses on your own
- Mark each Bible verse with a bookmark so that you do not need to spend extra time looking them up later.
- Decide if you will read the Bible verses and say the prayer or if you will ask a family member to be in charge of those parts.

**Watch the movie together as a family. When the movie is over, walk through the discussion questions together. Read all of the Bible verses and make sure that each person has a chance to share.**

**Ask:** What did you think of the movie?

**Ask:** What parts of the movie stand out the most?

## CHRIST-FOLLOWERS ARE CALLED TO BE SET APART

**Ask:** Have you ever been in a situation where you had to take a stand about something that no one else agreed with?

**Ask:** What was easy or difficult about taking your stand? Why?

**Ask:** If you faced a similar situation again, what would you change?

### Read: Jeremiah 1:5

**Say:** From the very beginning, before we were even born, God knew he wanted a relationships with us. He "set up apart" from all other creation that we might know and love him. In this passage, God is speaking about Jeremiah, specifically. God had a special job for Jeremiah to complete—he "set him apart" for that mission. It means, that Jeremiah wasn't common. He was special—with a purpose.

### Read Acts 1 Peter 2:9

**Say:** God has called us to something special, something set apart. He calls us to bring light into the world. And while that's a calling that all Christ-followers share, sometimes God asks us to do it in a special, unexpected and occasionally lonely way—just like Josh.

## SOMETIMES THAT MEANS STANDING ALONE

**Ask:** What are some special items in our house that never really get used...or maybe only get used at holidays, but then everyone's really careful with them?

**Ask:** Why do people "set apart" items like that?

**Say:** Even being something special - something called out, valuable and valued - can be a lonely place when we are the only one. Josh was in a room full of peers. They were all signing the paper. The professor had already indicated his stand pretty clearly. At that moment, maybe Josh didn't feel special and honored because he'd been set apart.

**Ask:** When you are the only one standing up for something, even if it is something good - how do you deal with the fear, loneliness, and fright that come with that moment?

### **GOD GIVES US COURAGE TO GO AGAINST THE GRAIN WHEN IT'S REQUIRED**

**Say:** Sometimes standing alone means going beyond just making a stand that everyone can accept, even though they disagree.

**Read:** Deuteronomy 31:8

**Say:** Standing alone, standing up, going against the grain—we never, ever do that alone. God stand alongside us, giving us the courage to be a voice for him.

**Ask:** Surely there were other Christians in Josh's philosophy class. What do you think of those students who chose to sign the paper rather than sacrifice their grade?

**Ask:** Is there a difference between taking a stand with your friends and taking a stand against an adult (or another authority figure)?

**Ask:** If you were in Josh's place, what do you think you would've done, and why?

**Ask:** What are some ways that we can encourage and help each other to take a stand for our faith each day?

**Pray Together** (Use the prayer below or make up your own)

All-knowing God, thank you for knowing us and constantly loving us, even when we do not acknowledge you. Help us to find ways to share your love with others, even when it is hard or uncomfortable. Amen.