

# WEEK 1

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE



### BIG IDEA

It's always good to be humble.

### BIBLE

**The Speck and the Plank:**  
Matthew 7:1–5; John 20:19–31

### QUESTIONS

- **What do you think it means to judge others? Why does Jesus tell us not to do this?** *Judging others means to make decisions about others without having all the information, to point out what others are doing wrong, or to assume the worst in people. Jesus tells us not to because we are all the same in God's eyes.*
- **What example did Jesus use to explain how people judge others?** *He used pointing out a speck of sawdust in someone else's eye when you have a plank in your own eye.*
- **What did Jesus mean when he said to take the plank out of your own eye?** *He meant that you should be aware of your own shortcomings and not point out other people's faults.*
- **Read John 20:29. How do you think Thomas felt when he finally saw Jesus after doubting what his friends told him? Do you think he felt humble? How so?**
- **What do you think it means to be humble?**
- **Why is it hard to encourage others sometimes?**
- **What are some ways you can lift others up, especially when you don't feel like it?**

### ACTIVITY

Give each kid a printable and have them work in pairs to first give each other a list of words as instructed without looking at the story. Then have them fill out the numbered blanks in the story and take turns reading them out loud! For younger kids, you can do it together as a group. Describe what each part of speech is and provide examples they can choose from.

Let's review what we talked about today in true 2000's fashion . . . Mad Libs! No matter how silly your story turns out, remember our Big Idea: **It's always good to be humble.**

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."  
— Hebrews 13:8 (NIV)

Scan the code for a memory verse sign language tutorial video you can share with your families and volunteers!

