

in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the bin just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

This Week's Bible Verse
John 1:1-5

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was with God in the beginning.³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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of **The Chosen** series. We briefly talked again about Jesus' choice to go to Samaria and the relationship between the Jews and the Samaritans.

We said that the underlying message could be to Love your neighbor, even your enemies, and that the good news of God's Kingdom is for everyone, not just the Jews.

We saw examples of the deep hatred that the Jews had for the Samaritans and the Samaritans for the Jews throughout the episode. Yet, Jesus was able to bring them together.

We saw that both the field that Big James and John planted as well as the big dinner they were shopping for was actually for a Samaritan man who had "lost his way". Not only was this man a Samaritan but we found, by his story, that he was also one of the robbers who attacked the Jew in the story of the "Good Samaritan". Jesus left all those who were falling at His feet wanting to hear more (the 99) to rescue the 1 who had gone astray.

We saw Big James and John finally understand their purpose for being in Samaria as Jesus scolded them after having to hold them back from retaliating against some "mean" Samaritans. He then named them "The Sons of Thunder".

We also briefly discussed the fact that the Samaritans believed only the first 5 books of Moses as Jesus read from the 1st scroll (Genesis) in the Synagogue. Jesus tells John, "it is a favorite memory", indicating that He was there.

We will go into this episode in more depth as well as discussing the reasons for such hatred between the Jews and the Samaritans and more next time.

Upcoming Events

First Friday Movie Night

Join us at LWA on March 4th, at 6:30pm for 1 Youth Movie Night!

The movie will be the 2016 drama,

"God's Not Dead 2".

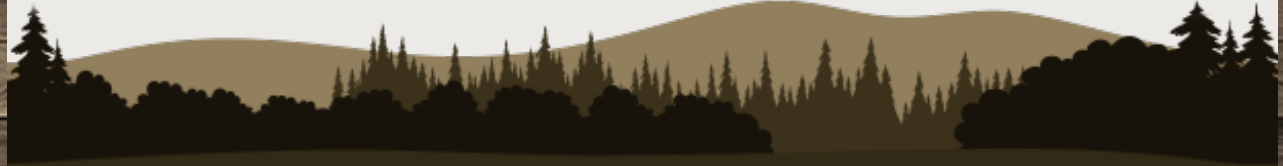
For youth, grades 7-12, friends and families.

Rated PG

The logo for the movie "God's Not Dead 2". The words "GOD'S" and "DEAD" are in a large, black, distressed font. The word "NOT" is in a smaller, white font with a red outline, positioned between "GOD'S" and "DEAD". The number "2" is in a large, red, distressed font to the right of "DEAD".

High school history teacher Grace Wesley (Melissa Joan Hart) comes under fire for answering a student's (Hayley Orrantia) question about Jesus. When Grace refuses to apologize, the school board votes to suspend her and threatens to revoke her teaching certificate. Forced to stand trial to save her career, Grace hires young lawyer Tom Endler (Jesse Metcalfe) to defend her in court. Endler devises a powerful strategy to show the jury the historical significance of Wesley's classroom discussion.

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