

# WEEK 2

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE

for middle schoolers

PEOPLE  
**FREE**   
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Have you ever had to follow a rule that made absolutely no sense to you? Maybe it was a rule about what you could or couldn't wear, where you could or couldn't go, or who you could or couldn't spend time with. When some people think about God, that is what they think about – a list of rules miles long that don't seem important or relevant to their lives. But said there are only two rules that matter most: love God and love others as you love yourself. In this 4-week series in the book of James, we'll discover that **the right rules can set you free** – and that **free people don't dance with danger, make decisions that benefit others, and give up their freedoms for others.**

### THIS WEEK

#### **THE BIG IDEA**

Free people don't dance with danger.

#### **THE BIBLE**

James 1:5-8; Matthew 22:37-40;  
Proverbs 27:12, 21:29

- **What's the most dangerous thing you've ever done? Would you do it again?**
- **What are some examples of unwise choices that could lead people your age into dangerous situations?**
- **Can you think of a time when your choices brought you too close to "the edge" of danger? What happened and what did you learn?**
- **Who is someone you'd trust to help you set or maintain safe boundaries? What makes them trustworthy?**
- **Read Proverbs 21:29. What's one area of your life where you need to think more carefully about your choices?**
- **What's one thing you can do to better avoid danger in that area, and what's one thing our group can do to help?**