

BOTTOM LINE: God wants to be reconciled with you.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Reconciler Student Notebooks (provided)
- Popsicle sticks (provided)
- Tape (provided)



Give each student a notebook & tell them to write their name on the cover. They will use this notebook each week of this series!

OPTIONAL ICEBREAKER: BUILD A BRIDGE!

Divide your Life Group into four groups and give each group 10 popsicle sticks and some pieces of tape (as needed). Give them a few minutes to construct a bridge that connects two Bibles together. Once finished, test each bridge to see if it can hold the weight of a third Bible!

HEAR from God through His word.

DO THIS: Tell your students to turn to **pg. 1** in their notebooks and write down the definition of *reconciliation* in their own words. Have some share what they wrote!

- Tell your students to flip to the glossary on **pg. 9** in their notebooks and have someone read the definition for *reconciliation* given there.

DO THIS: Read Colossians 1:19-22 as a group and have your students personalize this passage for themselves.

- Tell your students to open their Bibles to Colossians 1:19-22 and have someone read the passage out loud.
- Then, have your students each write their name into the blanks provided in this passage on **pg. 1** of their students notebooks.
- **ASK:** *How does writing your name in this passage change the meaning for you?*

TALK with others about our faith.

DO THIS: Lead your students in a discussion about being reconciled with God using the following questions:

- **ASK:** *Have you ever had a broken relationship before? What made it feel broken?*



- **ASK:** What do you think a broken relationship with Jesus feels like? Does anyone feel that way right now?
- **ASK:** Do you ever blame Jesus for the times you feel distant or separated from Him?
- On **pg. 1** of their student notebooks, have your students write down what the first step to reconciliation with Jesus could look like for them. (**Leader note:** For students who already feel reconciled with Jesus, have them write down a possible next step they can take in their relationship with Him, like starting a daily quiet time, getting baptized, etc.)

say this:
Our initial reconciliation with God happens when we ask Jesus into our hearts and commit to a relationship with Him. After that moment, we may wander or become distant from Him, and that's okay. Pursuing a relationship with Jesus requires us to keep being reconciled to Him.

PRAY by talking to God.

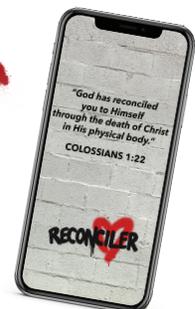
DO THIS: Lead your students in a prayer time centered around reconciliation with God.

- Ask three people to each read one of the ABC's listed on **pg. 2** of their student notebooks.
- Give your students five minutes to write out a prayer using the ABC's in the space provided on **pg. 3** of their student notebooks. Or, they can write out a prayer of gratitude for who Jesus is to them and what He has done for them. (**Leader note:** you can put on some worship music in the background during this time if you feel that it will help your group stay focused.)

LIVE in a way that honors God.

DO THIS: Give your students the following **LIVE** challenges for the week:

- In the front of your Bible, write down today's date as a reminder of when you have been reconciled with God!
- Make this your lock screen for the week and use it as a reminder that you've been reconciled **and** as an opportunity to talk about what reconciliation looks like!



RECONCILER

MEMORY VERSE

"Yet now God has reconciled you to Himself through the death of Christ in His physical body. As a result, He has brought you into His own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before Him without a single fault."

COLOSSIANS 1:22