

# Media



## ✓ Prepare in Advance

Facilitator: In advance of the session:

- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos and music listed (links are provided on this session's webpage).
- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.

## ✓ Intro

Start your session by having a volunteer read the Luke 1:39-55 out loud and then show the *Bible Background Video*.

## ✓ Important People

Open this section by showing "Carl Meets Russell" from the movie 'Up' and afterward use a few questions like the ones below to help guide your discussion.

- Do you get the impression that either of them really wants to have a relationship with the other? Why or why not?
- What is the story of how you and an important person in your life met up? (a close friend, spouse, partner, etc.)
- Can you usually tell when you meet someone that they will be important?
- Why do you think this story of prenatal John and Jesus might be important?

## ✓ Important Words

Watch the clip entitled "So Glad I Met You" from 'The Hurricane.'

- True or False: Sticks and stones can break my bones but words can never hurt me.
- What is one of the most important things someone has ever said to you?
- Do you believe that saying something can make it happen, like Nikki described in the *Bible Background Video*?
- How might we change our speech if we thought about how much our words could mean?
- Do you tend to pay attention to negative words about you or positive ones? Why do you think that is?

- How does your relationship to the speaker/audience change the power of the words?

## ✓ Important Ideas

Finally, show the youtube clip "We're All Made of Stars."

- Whether or not you believe in the Big Bang, 6-day creation, or some combination of the two, does the idea that your body is made up of the same material that is found in stars make you feel anything? Can you share that?
- The Bible story isn't concerned with matter but with promises. What promise does the coming Messiah hold for us?
- What hope or promise do we hold inside of us?
- How can we better share the idea Jesus shares in Luke 17:21?

## ✓ Outro

End your session by praying that each person would know deeply that the Kingdom of God rests within them and that the wonder of that truth would compel them to share it with another.

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