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**BROADWAY**  
*Blessings*

**SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION RESOURCE**

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# *The Sound of Music*

God's Plans are Often Not Our Own.

FOR I KNOW WELL THE PLANS I HAVE IN MIND FOR YOU, SAYS THE LORD, PLANS FOR YOUR WELFARE, NOT YOUR WOE! PLANS TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE.

JEREMIAH 29:11



1. Maria was surprised and distressed when Mother Abbess told her to return to Captain Von Trapp's home. When was the last time someone gave you some unexpected advice? Did you see God's hand in it?
2. How do you recognize when an event is "God sent" versus something happening because of luck? What makes one more likely than the other?
3. What is your greatest challenge when life does not go as planned? How can God help you with it?
4. In the story, Captain Von Trapp stood up against the Nazis around him. Describe a time when you stood against convention. What helped you do it?
5. At the end of the story, the Von Trapp family had to seek a life elsewhere. Have you ever had to start life over? How did your faith help you do it?



*Heavenly Father, I believe you have a plan for my life, and it is good. Grant me patience as your plan unfolds and wisdom to recognize it when it does. Amen.*

# Annie

Never Stop Praying.

WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR IN PRAYER WITH FAITH,  
YOU WILL RECEIVE.

MATTHEW 21:22



1. In the story, *Annie* showed us an example of perseverance in prayer. What prayer have you seen answered? How did it make you feel?
2. What can we do when we feel our prayers are ignored?
3. Have you ever felt God answered your prayer with “no” or “not now?” How did you handle it?
4. Have you ever felt weary of praying? What did you do?
5. Describe your perfect prayer setting and why.



*Lord, I trust in you and your ability to answer my prayer.  
Please grant my intention or grant me the wisdom to  
understand your will. Amen.*

# Phantom of the Opera

God's Love is Selfless.

LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND. IT IS NOT JEALOUS, LOVE IS NOT POMPOUS, IT IS NOT INFLATED. IT IS NOT RUDE, IT DOES NOT SEEK ITS OWN INTERESTS. IT IS NOT QUICK-TEMPERED, IT DOES NOT BROOD OVER INJURY, IT DOES NOT REJOICE OVER WRONGDOING BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH.

1 CORINTHIANS 13: 4-6



1. How well do you think you embody St. Paul's description of love?
2. What keeps us from expressing St. Paul's description of perfect love?
3. Do you think there was any hope for the Phantom to learn to love as Christ showed us?
4. At the end of the story, Christine shows the Phantom he can be loved. Have you ever loved something that others found unlovable? What happened?
5. Have you ever loved or been loved with a "flawed" love that was impatient, unkind, jealous, pompous, inflated, rude, self-centered, quick-tempered, unforgiving, and steeped in lies? What happened? Did your faith help you recognize the problem?



*Lord, help me love those who challenge my patience and kindness. Remove my envy, pride, and self-centeredness so I may follow your example of perfect love. Amen.*

# *Fiddler on the Roof*

Serve the Lord Faithfully.

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD, WE WILL SERVE  
THE LORD.

JOSHUA 24:15



1. Throughout *Fiddler on the Roof*, Tevye conversed with God. How would you describe your relationship with God--a friendship, a child-parent, a king-subject?
2. When do you feel closest to God? Why?
3. How can we best grow in our faith?
4. Tevye thought God had a hand in every aspect of his life: his marriage, his profession, his children, etc. Where do you feel God most strongly in your life?
5. Tevye's village was ruled by tradition. What faith tradition is most important to you?



*Dear God, please renew my heart when I feel my faith weakening.  
Help me to commit myself to you and your people. Give me the wisdom  
to see and hear your will for my life. Amen.*

# *Hello Dolly*

Generosity is a Virtue.

ALL GOES WELL FOR THOSE GRACIOUS IN  
LENDING, WHO CONDUCT THEIR AFFAIRS  
WITH JUSTICE.

PSALM 112:5



1. In *Hello Dolly*, Horace learns the virtue of generosity, among other lessons. How would you rate yourself in the virtue of generosity on a scale of 1-10?
2. Read the story of the rich man (Matt 19:21). How do his feelings resonate with you?
3. What can we do to grow in the virtue of generosity?
4. Are you a better steward of your time, talent, or treasure?
5. Where in your life could you be more generous?



*Lord, thank you for all you have given me. Help me always to  
be a good steward of my time, talent, and treasure. Amen.*



# *Into the Woods*

Let the Lord be Your Guide.

HE WHO TRUSTS IN HIMSELF IS A FOOL, BUT HE  
WHO WALKS IN WISDOM IS SAFE.

PROVERBS 28:26



1. In *Into the Woods*, all of the characters, not just Little Red Riding Hood, face doubts and temptations. Little Red Riding Hood's experience with the wolf takes her off the straight path to Grandmother's house. What are some of the "wolves" you face that take you off the straight and narrow path?
2. The Baker's wife was tempted with unfaithfulness. Where do you find unfaithfulness to be a challenge in your life?
3. How can we stay focused on the path of righteousness when surrounded by "wolves"?
4. The woods are dark, and our path is always easier to see in the light. How has Jesus lit your path in life?
5. What fairy tale most exemplifies your journey of faith?



*Lord, give me light in times of darkness and wisdom in times of confusion. Help me to confidently follow the path you choose for me, even when it gets challenging. Amen.*

# *Funny Girl*

Honor Your Marriage.

THAT IS WHY A MAN LEAVES HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND CLINGS TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO OF THEM BECOME ONE BODY.

GENESIS 2:24



1. In *Funny Girl*, Fanny saw past Nicky's shortcomings, married him, and experienced great heartbreak. Why do you think Fanny didn't consider how Nicky's qualities would affect their marriage?
2. What advice would you give a single person for finding a worthy spouse?
3. What flaws, if any, can you look past when considering a suitable spouse?
4. What role do you think God plays in a marriage?
5. Fanny faced the modern problem of balancing love and career. How does our faith help us with this balance?



*Lord, may I always provide the love and support my spouse deserves. May I continue to love them with sacred, selfless love, as You showed us. Amen.*

# *Les Misérables*

Christ's Love is Transformative.

I WILL GIVE YOU A NEW HEART AND PLACE A  
NEW SPIRIT WITHIN YOU, TAKING FROM YOUR  
BODIES YOUR STONY HEARTS AND GIVING YOU  
NATURAL HEARTS.

EZEKIEL 36:26



1. The actions of the Bishop of Digne in *Les Misérables* were generous and Christ-like. Describe a time when someone has shown you an example of unexpected, perhaps undeserved kindness..
2. Describe a time you experienced an act of kindness and “paid it forward.”
3. How do you think Christ transforms our hearts to become more like Him?
4. Sacrifice is a key theme in the show. Describe a time you made a sacrifice to show someone you loved them. What happened afterward?
5. Valjean was a character of great bravery. How can you be brave about expressing your Christianity?



*Lord, help me to be open to your Holy Spirit in those around me  
and within me. Help me to live for You in all I do. Amen.*

# Chicago

Return to God.

TAKE WITH YOUR WORDS, AND RETURN TO THE LORD; SAY TO HIM “FORGIVE ALL INIQUITY AND RECEIVE WHAT IS GOOD...”

HOSEA 14:3



1. In *Chicago*, Amos believes everything Roxy says and supports her, even when she is lying. What do you think of Amos' blind faith in his wife?
2. Can we love others without being hurt by them?
3. In Matt 18:22, Jesus tells us how to forgive others. How can we do that when the wound runs deep?
4. How difficult would it be for you to forgive an unfaithful spouse?
5. What do you think of when you hear the command to “Return to the Lord?”



*Lord, I know You love me always, even when I turn from You.  
Forgive me for straying from You, and welcome me back into  
Your grace. Amen.*

# *A Chorus Line*

We Are All Special.

I PRAISE YOU, SO WONDERFULLY YOU MADE ME;  
WONDERFUL ARE YOUR WORKS!

PSALM 139:14



1. In *A Chorus Line*, we see how we are all extraordinary. Share a time you felt extraordinary.
2. Share a time when you felt ordinary and mediocre. How did you handle the feeling?
3. How can we see Jesus in others and recognize everyone's uniqueness, even when they appear mediocre to the outside world?
4. What is something we can do to remember we are children of God?
5. What is your favorite way to praise God for creation?



*Lord, come to my aid when I feel hopeless and discouraged with myself. Help me believe that I am made in your image, meant for good things, and deserving of Your love and the love of others. Amen.*

# *South Pacific*

We Are One.

THERE IS NEITHER JEW NOR GREEK, NEITHER  
SLAVE NOR FREE PERSON, THERE IS NOT MALE AND  
FEMALE; FOR YOU ARE ALL ONE IN JESUS CHRIST.

GALATIANS 3:28



1. In *South Pacific*, Nellie has to face her prejudice when she falls in love with Emile. Is there an area of your life where your fear keeps you from embracing other people, practices, or organizations?
2. Describe a time when you felt different from everyone around you. What did you do?
3. St. Paul spoke of Christians being one in Christ. Describe a time when you felt perfect unity with others. Who were they, and what brought about the sense of unity?
4. Reflect on a time you felt like Nellie about someone different than you. How could you have responded to them as Jesus would instead?
5. Identify where you feel disconnection rather than unity with others. What prayer do you need to ask Jesus to help you with this?



*Lord, may I always remember we are one in your love. May I always uphold the dignity and respect of those I meet and work with and regard them through Your loving eyes. Amen.*

# *Brigadoon*

Live a Life in the Spirit.

HE SAID TO THEM, "COME AFTER ME, AND I WILL  
MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN."

MATTHEW 4:19



1. In *Brigadoon*, Tommy forsakes his life to become a villager in the magical town. Describe a time when you surprised those around you with an unexpected decision. What happened?
2. Have you ever been offered a life-changing opportunity? Did your faith play a role in your decision to follow or reject it?
3. Something about Jesus drew others to Him. What qualities in a leader are most attractive to you?
4. Have you ever felt personally called by God to do something? What happened?
5. How can we involve the Holy Spirit more in our decision-making?



*Lord, when I am at a crossroads, help me make a decision that follows the path of your love. Give me the strength to do your will and build your kingdom on Earth with my choices. Amen.*

# The Lion King

Forgive Yourself and Move On.

HE WHO CONCEALS HIS SINS PROSPERS NOT,  
BUT HE WHO CONFESSES AND FORSAKES THEM  
OBTAINS MERCY.

PROVERBS 28:13



1. In *The Lion King*, Simba grapples with forgiving himself. Can you recall a time when you had to forgive yourself? How did you do it?
2. Why do you think it is more difficult to be merciful with ourselves than others?
3. What's harder: asking for forgiveness or forgiving someone? How can Jesus help us in each instance?
4. Scar told Simba that Mufasa's death was his fault. What is the voice that we hear telling us we are at fault?
5. Pick a person in your life that you need to forgive or who needs to forgive you. How can the Holy Spirit help you take the next step to make it happen?



*Lord, I am sorry for wronging those around me. I ask for the strength to forgive myself for poor choices and ask for forgiveness from others I may have hurt. Amen.*



# Gypsy

Leave Those Who Harm.

DO NOT BE LED ASTRAY: BAD COMPANY CORRUPTS  
GOOD MORALS.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:33



1. In *Gypsy*, June leaves the family vaudeville act in search of a new life. Describe a time you left something behind for something better. Did it bring you closer to God?
2. Describe a time someone pushed you into doing something you knew was against your faith. How did you handle it?
3. Who is your role model for leading a good life?
4. Mama Rose's blind ambition for her children led to losing one of them. Have you ever lost something because of your ambition? How did you recover? Did your faith play a role?
5. Have you ever been corrupted by bad company? What did you do?



*Lord, give me the courage to follow the virtuous path and the wisdom to recognize the way forward. Please send me the role models and help I need to find my way. Amen.*

# *In the Heights*

Have Faith in God's Plans.

FOR MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS,  
NOR ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, SAYS THE LORD.

ISAIAH 55:8



1. In the story of *In the Heights*, Nina felt she had disappointed the neighborhood after dropping out of Stanford. How can our faith help us when we think we have disappointed others?
2. Have you ever attempted something incredible that you failed to finish? What stood in your way? Did your faith play a role as you recovered?
3. In the story, *Abuela* preached "*paciencia y fe*" (patience and faith) as she brought lotto tickets and helped others in the neighborhood. Which of these two virtues is the most challenging for you when life is not going as planned?
4. If the Lord's thoughts and ways are not our own, what can we do to understand them better?
5. In the story, everyone seems to have a dream. Vanessa wants to move and follow a new career. Usnavi dreams of returning to the Dominican Republic. What is your dream, and how can your faith help you achieve it?



*Lord, I do not know your plan for me, but help me be patient  
and believe that you know what's best. Heal my disappointment  
and point me in the way of your path. Amen.*

# *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*

Check Your Pride.

PRIDE GOES BEFORE DISASTER, AND A HAUGHTY SPIRIT BEFORE A FALL.

PROVERBS 16:18



1. In *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, Adam shows what happens when our pride is too great. Describe a time when the sin of pride jeopardized one of your relationships.
2. How can we recognize when someone is being prideful?
3. Humility is a virtue that combats pride. How can we develop the virtue of humility in our lives?
4. Adam's pride affected his marriage with Millie adversely. How can we keep our pride in check with our spouse?
5. Pride is one of the traditional Christian "seven deadly sins" along with greed, wrath, envy, lust, gluttony, and slothfulness. Which of these sins is the most tempting for you and how can Jesus help you avoid it?



*Lord, grant me humility. Help me see and understand what I must do to act justly. Give me the courage to obey Your will and to love my neighbor despite my pride. Amen.*

# Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Wear Faith as Your Armor.

IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, HOLD FAITH AS A SHIELD,  
TO QUENCH ALL THE FLAMING ARROWS OF THE  
EVIL ONE.

EPHESIANS 6:16



1. In *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Joseph held fast to his faith, even when trouble befell him. How do you think our faith shields us from trouble?
2. The brothers' jealousy is a theme in the show. Describe a time when you felt jealousy. What did you do about it?
3. Joseph chose to forgive his brothers when he could have sought revenge. Have you ever had to choose between forgiving or seeking revenge? What did you do?
4. Joseph kept his faith strong, even in jail. Has your faith ever been so tested? How did you respond?
5. Joseph received the gift of prophecy from God. Read 1 Corinthians 12:7. Which of the gifts of the Holy Spirit would you like to receive or have strengthened?



*Lord, help me to know you and keep you close throughout my days. Should evil befall me, strengthen my faith, and come to my aid. May I always place my trust in You. Amen.*

# *Legally Blonde*

Regard Others Justly.

NOT AS MAN SEES DOES GOD SEE, BECAUSE MAN  
SEES THE APPEARANCE BUT THE LORD LOOKS  
INTO THE HEART.

1 SAMUEL 16:7



1. In *Legally Blonde*, Elle Woods is vastly underestimated for her abilities. Describe a time you underestimated someone's abilities. What happened?
2. Many people underestimated Jesus when he walked the Earth. What kind of example did He set for us to follow when others underestimate us?
3. Have you ever questioned someone's leadership appointment or wondered how they became successful? Were your feelings proven justified or unfounded?
4. How does our faith help us to see others more clearly so we regard them justly?
5. If you could look into anyone's heart, whose would it be? What would you hope to see?



*Heavenly Father, may I never judge by appearance alone.  
Reveal the hearts of others to me and give me the wisdom to  
recognize those who please You in mind and spirit. Amen.*

# *Carousel*

God Loves Us.

DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOU ARE THE TEMPLE  
OF GOD, AND THAT THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELLS  
IN YOU?

1 CORINTHIANS 3:16



1. In *Carousel*, Billy doesn't believe in himself and is therefore easily led astray. Describe a time you didn't believe in yourself. How did you shake off the feeling?
2. Billy keeps company with the wrong people, which gets him into trouble. Have you ever been blamed for something because of the people you associate with? What did you learn?
3. In the show, Billy is plagued by his past and feels inferior. How can we ensure that our past does not hold us back from experiencing Christ's love?
4. When is it most difficult to "choose good?"
5. Julie loves Billy despite his faults. Do you think Julie was foolish or Christ-like in her love for Billy?



*Lord, may I always accept your love for me and the goodness you have instilled in everyone who loves You. May I live as a model of Your love for myself and others. Amen.*

# Camelot

Believe in the Kingdom.

WITHOUT PROPHECY THE PEOPLE BECOME  
DEMORALIZED; BUT HAPPY IS HE WHO KEEPS  
THE LAW.

PROVERBS 29:18



1. King Arthur had a vision for a unique, beautiful kingdom called Camelot. What is your vision of heaven?
2. Have you ever had a vision that didn't work out because of the actions of others? What did you learn?
3. Have you ever tried to lead and been misunderstood? How did you handle it?
4. King Arthur instituted the "Round Table" as a symbol of equality among his knights. How would you describe Jesus' leadership style?
5. If you had lived in Jesus' day, how would you have received his vision of heaven? Do you think you understand it clearly today?



*Heavenly Father, may my heart never stray from Your vision of the life I should lead. Please help me to follow you faithfully and guide me to my heavenly reward with your mercy and grace. Amen.*

# *The Music Man*

God Loves Harmony.

HOW GOOD IT IS, HOW PLEASANT, WHERE THE  
PEOPLE DWELL AS ONE!

PSALM 133:1



1. In *The Music Man*, Professor Harold Hill is duplicitous in his dealings with the people of River City, Iowa. Have you ever noticed the good in someone even as you knew they were making poor choices? What did you do about it?
2. Professor Harold Hill manages to bring unity to the town. Describe a time when you helped unify a group of people or witnessed someone else do it. What did you learn?
3. How would Jesus want us to react when we see people making poor choices?
4. Think of a “neighbor” that is difficult to “love.” How can Jesus help you with this?
5. Is there someone you have a “harmonious relationship” with in your life? Who? Why?



*Lord, help me to love and care for my neighbors with your strength and wisdom. Help me to see the good in others and be an example of Your love to them. Amen.*



# Billy Elliot

Share Your Gifts.

DO NOT NEGLECT TO DO GOOD AND TO SHARE  
WHAT YOU HAVE; GOD IS PLEASED BY SACRIFICES  
OF THAT KIND.

HEBREWS 13:16



1. Jackie had a lot of feelings when he found out Billy was dancing. Have you ever been in a situation where you were surprised by a loved one's actions? How did it feel?
2. It can feel like a sacrifice to support our loved ones when we don't agree with their choice or are worried about their decisions. Have you ever struggled to accept a loved one's decision or plan? How can your faith help you at those times?
3. Have you ever hidden one of your gifts from others? Why?
4. Describe a time when you shared one of your gifts and it positively impacted others. What happened?
5. Why is it hard to sacrifice our desires for someone else's?



*God, thank you for the gifts you have given me, for I owe all my achievements to you. Please give me the strength to always share my gifts with others, even when doing so requires a sacrifice. Amen.*

# *School of Rock*

Praise the Lord in Song.

MY HEART IS STEADFAST, GOD, MY HEART IS  
STEADFAST! I WILL SING AND CHANT PRAISE.

PSALM 57:8



1. In *School of Rock*, Dewey masquerades as a teacher because his rock band rejects him, and he needs to make money. Have you ever been put in a position to lead where you were not wholly qualified? What happened? Did your faith play a role?
2. How can Jesus help us handle the pain of rejection when others exclude us?
3. God can draw us closer to Him with music and singing. What do you think the purpose of music is in worship?
4. Is there a particular song or type of music that helps you feel closer to God?
5. Based on your answer to question 4, how do you react when you hear this type of music?



*Lord, thank you for the gift of music. May the melody  
and words of every song I hear stir my soul and bring me  
closer to You. Amen.*

# Cats

## Ready for Heaven?

IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE THERE ARE MANY DWELLING PLACES. IF THERE WERE NOT, WOULD I HAVE TOLD YOU THAT I AM GOING TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU?

JOHN 14:2



1. Who is your favorite cat in the musical? Why?
2. Which cat do you think is most Christ-like?
3. Why do you think of Old Deuteronomy's choice to send Grizabella to the Heaviside layer?
4. Review Job 14:5 and Matt 24:40-42. What do you think you need to do to be ready for heaven?
5. What do you want to accomplish on Earth before you join Jesus in heaven?



*Lord, help me live in your light today and every day. In all I say, think, and do, prepare me for life in heaven and eternal salvation with You. Amen.*

# *The Fantasticks*

Trials Strengthen Us.

... WE EVEN BOAST OF OUR AFFLICTIONS, KNOWING  
THAT AFFLICTION PRODUCES ENDURANCE...

ROMANS 5:3



1. Do you believe whatever doesn't kill us makes us stronger? Why or why not?
2. Describe a time when you experienced a test of faith. What happened?
3. What does it mean to have "strong faith"? Name someone who you would describe as having strong faith.
4. How can the Holy Spirit help us when our faith is being tested?
5. Have you ever had your expectations dashed when reality set in? How did you handle it?



*Heavenly Father, give me the fortitude to endure what life brings. Be with me through my struggles and trials and help me emerge stronger in the end. Amen.*

# Seussical

Accept Yourself.

YOUR ADORNMENT SHOULD NOT BE AN EXTERNAL ONE: BRAIDING THE HAIR, WEARING GOLD JEWELRY, OR DRESSING IN FINE CLOTHES, BUT RATHER THE HIDDEN CHARACTER OF THE HEART, EXPRESSED IN THE IMPERISHABLE BEAUTY OF A GENTLE AND CALM DISPOSITION, WHICH IS PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF GOD.

1 PETER 3:3-4



1. What do you do for yourself when you feel unattractive?
2. By gaining a beautiful tail, Gertrude loses the ability to help her friend. How can we recognize when our vanity is compromising our relationships?
3. What does it mean to you to have a healthy body? A healthy soul?
4. How can our faith help us to accept our body's imperfections?
5. If you were Mayzie, what part of your body would you like to change? What could you potentially lose if you did?



*Lord, thank you for my body and all that it can do. Please squelch my vanity and help me accept myself and all my flaws, knowing I am Your child and a wondrous creation. Amen.*

# *West Side Story*

Live in Peace.

THEN JESUS SAID TO HIM, "PUT YOUR SWORD  
BACK INTO ITS SHEATH, FOR ALL WHO TAKE THE  
SWORD WILL PERISH BY THE SWORD."

MATTHEW 26:52



1. What do you think Jesus meant by saying "all who take the sword will perish by the sword?"
2. Have you ever been in the middle of two fighting factions? What happened?
3. Do you think humans are inherently violent? Why or why not?
4. What is your vision of a "peaceful life?"
5. How can we be peacemakers in our daily lives?



*Lord, help me to be a peacemaker and bring Your love to all  
I see. Give me strength in the face of hate and wisdom in the  
presence of those who battle. Amen.*

# Newsies

God is On Your Side.

SO DAVID TRIUMPHED OVER THE PHILISTINE WITH SLING AND STONE; HE STRUCK THE PHILISTINE MORTALLY, AND DID IT WITHOUT A SWORD.

1 SAMUEL 17:50



1. Have you ever felt like you were up against a “Goliath?” Who was it, and what did you do?
2. Have you ever encountered a “Philistine” who attacked your faith? Did you fight back? What weapons did you use?
3. How can we use our faith to bring others to our side?
4. Jack was as brave facing Pulitzer as David was facing Goliath. What inspires you to be courageous?
5. Bravery often inspires leadership. Can you describe a time when your faith helped you lead others with bravery?



*Lord, give me a clean heart. Help me slay the demons that bind me in harmful behaviors and actions that displease You. Grant me fortitude and strength to follow You always. Amen.*

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Avoid Hypocrisy.

WHY DO YOU NOTICE THE SPLINTER IN YOUR  
BROTHER'S EYE, BUT DO NOT PERCEIVE THE  
WOODEN BEAM IN YOUR OWN EYE?

MATTHEW 7:3



1. Describe a time when you witnessed someone acting like a hypocrite. What happened?
2. Have you ever acted like a hypocrite yourself? What happened?
3. The main concern of the founding fathers was freedom. How does our free will affect our relationship with Jesus?
4. How can your faith help you remove the “wooden beam” in your own eye?
5. How can you monitor yourself to remain a person of integrity, not hypocrisy?



*Lord, may I always live in your love and be recognized as one  
of your followers. Please help me to live with integrity, and  
without hypocrisy, in all I say and do. Amen.*



# Oklahoma

Trust God in Times of Change.

THERE IS AN APPOINTED TIME FOR EVERYTHING  
AND A TIME FOR EVERY AFFAIR UNDER THE HEAVENS.

ECCLESIASTES 3:1



1. Describe a time when you were distressed about a coming change because it was out of your control. What helped you adjust to the situation?
2. Have you ever asked God to help you deal with a change in your life? What happened?
3. In *Oklahoma*, Laurey and Curly seem to dislike each other until they fall in love. Have you ever had a relationship that started rocky but ended harmoniously? What contributed to the change?
4. Why do you think it is easier for some people to tolerate change than others?
5. What are some ways God can help us handle changes in our lives?



*Heavenly Father, I am uncertain of my path in the face of change in my life. Please be with me and guide me to wisdom and understanding of your will for my new mission. Amen.*

# Pippin

Embrace Freedom Within Boundaries.

FOR YOU WERE CALLED FOR FREEDOM,  
BROTHERS. BUT DO NOT USE THIS FREEDOM AS  
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FLESH; RATHER, SERVE  
ONE ANOTHER THROUGH LOVE.

GALATIANS 5:13



1. The character of Pippin feels the very human feeling of a restless heart. Have you ever felt like that? What did you do about it?
2. What is your definition of happiness?
3. Pippin tries to find happiness through fame, fortune, power, and pleasures of the flesh. What does Jesus say about each of these leading to happiness?
4. At the end of the story, Pippin finds happiness in living an ordinary life. Do you find the ending realistic or unrealistic, and why?
5. Where do you think Pippin and Catherine will be in five years? Do you think Pippin will still be happy? If not, what would he need?



*Lord, give me the wisdom and heart to serve others.  
Help me use the freedom you have given me to benefit them.  
May I serve others with grace. Amen.*

# Hamilton

Forgive Each Other.

BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER, COMPASSIONATE,  
FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, AS GOD HAS  
FORGIVEN YOU IN CHRIST.

EPHESIANS 4:32



1. Jesus asks us always to forgive others. Describe a time when someone forgave you. How did it feel?
2. What would you advise someone to do if they have trouble forgiving someone?
3. How can prayer help us be more forgiving to others?
4. Alexander Hamilton lost his son in a duel that should not have occurred. Is there a potentially destructive situation we should de-escalate before forgiveness is required? How can our faith help us to be successful in our efforts?
5. Why do you think Alexander found himself praying after his son died, even though it “never used to happen before”?



*Lord, when I have been wronged, reach into my heart and grant me the ability to forgive my neighbor with the help of Your love. Give me peace and solace for my loss, and heal my heart in your mercy. Amen.*

*Mame*

Guide the Young.

TRAIN A BOY IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO; EVEN  
WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT SWERVE FROM IT.

PROVERBS 22:6



1. What do you think of Proverbs 22:6?
2. How are you alike and different from your parents? How have they contributed (or failed to contribute) to your faith journey?
3. How do we know we (and/or our children) are producing “good fruit”?
4. Have you ever had to voluntarily let go of something that you feared would not return to you? What happened? What helped you let go?
5. What can you do to be a good role model to the next generation?



*Lord, help the young people in my life so they may serve You in the world. Bless them, keep them, and provide Your protection and love so they may always be near You in their hearts and minds. Amen.*

# Hairspray

Accept Everyone.

STOP JUDGING, THAT YOU MAY NOT BE JUDGED.

MATTHEW 7:1



1. On a scale of 1-10, how accepting of others do you think you are?
2. Tracy auditioned for *The Corny Collins Show* even though she knew she looked different than everyone else and could be mocked in the process. Have you ever put yourself in such a position for something you badly wanted? What happened?
3. In the story of the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:4-42), Jesus shows His acceptance of everyone by conversing with a woman from Samaria. How do you show acceptance of people in your life?
4. Is there a group of people that you fear and need to accept? How can Jesus help with that?
5. Jesus seeks a personal relationship with us. What does that mean to you, and how can you achieve it?



*Lord, help me to see others through your eyes, free from prejudice, fear, or arrogance. Help me accept everyone so others may see me as one of your followers. Amen.*

# *Guys and Dolls*

Overcome Evil with Good.

DO NOT BE CONQUERED BY EVIL, BUT CONQUER  
EVIL WITH GOOD.

ROMANS 12:21



1. In *Guys and Dolls* Sarah is a model of faith for Sky Masterson. Do you think you are a model of faith for anyone in particular?
2. Do you think Sarah should have gone to Havana with Sky?
3. What would have happened if Sky had not won the “sinners” in the dice game?
4. By the end of the story, Sky experiences a transformative change of heart. Have you, or someone close to you, ever been transformed by a similar experience? What did you witness?
5. As sin swirls around us, how can we stay true Christians?



*Lord, may I always choose the light over the darkness, and may all see the light in me. When I stumble in the dark, revive my faith and bring me back to the light. Amen.*

# Oliver

God Loves the Orphan and Widow.

YOU WILL NOT WRONG ANY WIDOW OR ORPHAN.

EXODUS 22:21



1. Have you ever felt abandoned or “orphaned” in life? What happened?
2. Mr. Brownlow shows up like an angel for Oliver. Describe a time when someone showed up for you and performed the role of an angel in your life.
3. Have you ever been an “angel” for someone else? What happened?
4. Do you think God is pleased with the way we support the orphans, children, and widows of our society?
5. How can our faith help us when we feel abandoned or orphaned by others?



*Lord, help me to always care for those in need. Make me especially compassionate toward the world's children, widows, and orphans with my time, talent, and treasure. Amen.*

## *Beauty and the Beast*

There is Good in Everyone.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE,  
PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GENEROSITY, FAITHFULNESS,  
GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL. AGAINST SUCH  
THERE IS NO LAW.

GALATIANS 5: 22-23



1. Do you believe there is good in everyone?
2. Which of the fruits of the Holy Spirit is the easiest for you to express? Which is the most challenging?
3. In *Beauty and the Beast*, Belle sacrifices her freedom for her father, not knowing where the sacrifice would lead. Has anyone ever made such a sacrifice for you? Have you made such a sacrifice for someone else?
4. We all have a "beast" or two in our lives--those people who are very difficult to befriend or work with. How can our faith help us deal with them?
5. Which of the fruits of the Holy Spirit that Belle had do you think melted the beast's heart? Which of them might melt the the heart of the "beast" you mention in question #4?



*Lord, may I always be loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and a model of self-control with the help of your Holy Spirit. Help me live in your grace. Amen.*



# *My Fair Lady*

Respect God's Children.

DO NOT CONFORM YOURSELVES TO THIS AGE BUT  
BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWAL OF YOUR MIND,  
THAT YOU MAY DISCERN WHAT IS THE WILL OF  
GOD, WHAT IS GOOD AND PLEASING AND PERFECT.

ROMANS 12:2



1. Higgins is a bully to Eliza throughout *My Fair Lady*. What do you think is most important when standing up to a bully?
2. Eliza emerges as a new creation by the end of the story. Have you ever felt like a "new creation" or know someone who has? What happened to you/ them?
3. How can we help others face their bullies?
4. When Christ walked the Earth, He was bullied, just as we are. How can His example then help us deal with bullies today?
5. Higgins believes if Eliza presents herself well, she will be more accepted and respected in society. How do you present yourself as a Christian to others? Do the words you use make you more accepted and respected?



*Lord, I am grateful to be Your child. Give me the fortitude to  
cast off the eyes of the world and become the new creation that  
You, not the world, want me to become. Amen.*

# Mamma Mia

Love Binds Us.

AND OVER ALL THESE PUT ON LOVE, THAT IS, THE  
BOND OF PERFECTION.

COLOSSIANS 3:14



1. One of Sophie's most desperate wishes is to know her family and understand where she came from. How well do you know your church family and appreciate your origin with them?
2. How do you feel about Donna keeping the identity of Sophie's father a secret?
3. Have you ever tried to repair a relationship that had lapsed for several years? What happened?
4. Have you ever had someone return to you after a long absence and take their place in your life again? How did you adjust?
5. How can our faith help us reach out to others and show love?



*Lord, give me the courage to love those who ask for my love and to reach out to those who need it. May Your love flow through me to all who need it most. Amen.*

# Mary Poppins

Love Like a Child.

AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS YOU TURN AND  
BECOME LIKE CHILDREN, YOU WILL NOT ENTER  
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

MATTHEW 18:3



1. Before Mary Poppins arrived, the Banks family was not as close as it could have been. What forces in society today intentionally or unintentionally divide families?
2. What is the most important lesson Mary Poppins taught the children?
3. Why do you think it is hard for us to love with a child's heart?
4. Do you think you have "become like a child" in your relationship with God? How do you know?
5. What do you think we need to do to become more like children in the eyes of God?



*Lord, give me the heart of a child filled with love and  
compassion for everyone I meet. May I turn to you as a loving  
parent to guide and love me always. Amen.*

# The King and I

Show Courage in the Face of Evil.

THEREFORE, PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD SO THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO RESIST ON THE EVIL DAY, AND, HAVING DONE EVERYTHING, TO HOLD YOUR GROUND.

EPHESIANS 6:13



1. What must we do to “put on the armor of God”?
2. When was the last time you stood up to a bully? How did it go?
3. Courage like Anna’s is an admirable quality. How do you think we develop courage? How can our faith help?
4. As Christians, how can we identify evil and stand against it?
5. The relationship between Anna and the King is tumultuous. Do you think peace between them was a possibility? Why or why not?



*Lord, give me the courage to carry out your commands and to stand against evil when I encounter it. May my actions be regarded as a beacon of your justice. Amen.*

# The Producers

Friendship is a Gift.

TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE: THEY GET A GOOD WAGE FOR THEIR LABOR. IF THE ONE FALLS, THE OTHER WILL LIFT UP HIS COMPANION.

ECCLESIASTES 4:9



1. Do you have a friend who always comes through for you? Share an example.
2. One reason Max and Leo became friends is that Max made Leo's dream come true. Do you have a dream? How could your friend, Jesus, help make it come true?
3. What do you think is the most essential quality for a friend?
4. Name someone in your life who inspires your faith and share why.
5. Jesus is the friend who is always there for us. When do you feel Jesus' presence most strongly?



*Lord, thank you for my friends and those who support me and help me grow in faith. Please help me be a source of comfort and strength for them in their times of trouble. Amen.*

# *Little Shop of Horrors*

Avoid Temptation.

NO TRIAL HAS COME TO YOU BUT WHAT IS HUMAN. GOD IS FAITHFUL AND WILL NOT LET YOU BE TRIED BEYOND YOUR STRENGTH; BUT WITH THE TRIAL HE WILL ALSO PROVIDE A WAY OUT, SO THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO BEAR IT.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13



1. In *Little Shop of Horrors*, Seymour faces the very human temptation of sinning in return for fame and fortune. When we face these temptations, what must we do to make the right choice?
2. Have you ever felt like you were in the “desert,” like Jesus, being tempted? What did you do to get out?
3. What do we gain when we give into temptation? What do we lose?
4. What spiritual practice can we adopt to grow more resistant to temptation?
5. Is there a time, place, or condition when you are more likely to be tempted to sin? What can you do about it?



*Heavenly Father, when I am weak, please help me withstand the temptations I face. Give me strength to always do the right thing in Your eyes and to serve You, and no other, in my words and actions. Amen.*

# Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

The Meek Prevail.

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, FOR THEY WILL INHERIT  
THE EARTH.

MATTHEW 5:5



1. Wonka praised Charlie for his honesty and humility above those who toured the chocolate factory. Can you think of a “meek” person who has “inherited the Earth”?
2. What does the term “servant leader” mean to you?
3. Would you describe yourself as meek? Would others?
4. Why is it hard to be meek in our society?
5. Can you think of a situation where you should have been more humble? What did you learn?



*Lord, help me to lead others as You led us. Please make me a servant leader, meek and humble. Save me from pride and keep me meek in your eyes. Help me lead others in ways that are pleasing to You. Amen.*

# Bandstand

The Lord Heals.

FOR GOD DID NOT GIVE US A SPIRIT OF  
COWARDICE BUT RATHER OF POWER AND LOVE  
AND SELF-CONTROL.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7



1. *Bandstand* addresses healing from trauma. How do you think our faith can help us in our journey of healing from personal trauma?
2. Have you ever experienced trauma that others disregarded or ignored? What did you do?
3. When you are struggling, do you have a “higher power” that you turn to for deliverance?
4. The band members in the show were dealing with pain but found relief in the music and their friendship. What earthly pleasures help you find relief from your emotional pain?
5. Have you known veterans who have suffered battle trauma? What could you do to help them? What advice would you give to a friend struggling similarly?



*Lord, you know my struggles. I cannot prevail without your aid. Through your Holy Spirit and those you place in my path, help me overcome my spiritual and physical battles. Help me accept help from others and relieve my afflictions. Amen.*



## Dear Evan Hansen

Honor the Truth.

THEREFORE PUTTING AWAY FALSEHOOD, SPEAK  
THE TRUTH, EACH ONE TO HIS NEIGHBOR, FOR WE  
ARE MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER.

EPHESIANS 4:25



1. Has anyone ever told you a hurtful lie? What happened to your relationship with them?
2. Have you ever been caught telling a lie? If so, how did it make you feel?
3. What feelings compel us to lie in the first place?
4. How can our faith help us to be truthful?
5. Evan Hansen writes encouraging, affirming letters to himself addressed "Dear Evan Hansen" to help with his social anxiety. What do you think of this as an actual therapy for emotionally struggling teenagers?



*Lord, give me the courage to embrace and speak the truth. Forgive me for the times I have been weak and failed to be truthful with those I love. Grant me the strength to reconcile with them and fill their hearts with forgiveness so we may start anew. Amen.*

# *Wicked*

Do Good For Its Own Sake.

DO NOTHING OUT OF SELFISHNESS OR OUT OF  
VAINGLORY; RATHER, HUMBLY REGARD OTHERS AS  
MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOURSELVES...

PHILIPPIANS 2:3



1. In *Wicked*, Galinda sings of being “popular.” Think of a time you felt like Elphaba--unpopular. How did you handle your feelings?
2. Have you ever known a “Galinda” who seemed selfless but was the opposite? What happened?
3. Why is being popular so important to us?
4. How is Elphaba like Jesus? How is she not?
5. What can we learn about wanting to be popular from Jesus’ time on Earth?



*Lord, help me love others as You love us —with selflessness.  
Please grant me the wisdom to realize when I prioritize  
ambition over others and honor them instead. Amen.*

# Ragtime

Love One Another.

THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT: LOVE ONE ANOTHER  
AS I LOVE YOU.

JOHN 15:12



1. In *Ragtime*, Mother shows great compassion to Sarah when she is distressed. Have you ever come to someone's rescue as a good Christian? What happened?
2. Coalhouse begs Sarah's forgiveness over several weeks. Is persistence helpful or harmful when showing love to others?
3. Sarah must forgive Coalhouse and herself for what she did to her baby. How could prayer help Sarah forgive herself? What would you tell her?
4. As He hung on the cross, Jesus extended His love to the faithful thief being crucified next to Him. How can we show love to others when we are suffering ourselves?
5. Think of a time when it was difficult to extend Christian love to another, but you did it anyway. What did it feel like?



*Lord, help me to love as You do. Remove the obstacles to loving my neighbor. Release my hatred, fear, and ignorance and replace it with Your love, courage, and understanding. Amen.*

# *Million Dollar Quartet*

Share Your Joys and Sorrows.

REJOICE WITH THOSE WHO REJOICE, WEEP WITH  
THOSE WHO WEEP.

ROMANS 12:15



1. All the musicians in *Million Dollar Quartet* spoke of their relationship with Jesus and gospel music. What kind of faith influences did you have growing up?
2. From a Christian perspective, who was your favorite member of the quartet? Why?
3. Sam Phillips was disappointed when his recording artists told him they were leaving. Think of a time you experienced the loss of a relationship. How did you cope?
4. Each member of the quartet lost a brother at a young age. What place does our faith play in grieving those we love?
5. Why is it important to rejoice and weep with others?



*Lord, thank You for the people in my life who celebrate and grieve with me. May we comfort each other in our grief and heal our broken hearts with love for one another. Amen.*

# Miss Saigon

Love is Sacrifice.

NO ONE HAS GREATER LOVE THAN THIS, TO LAY  
DOWN ONE'S LIFE FOR ONE'S FRIENDS.

JOHN 15:13



1. *Miss Saigon* is a tragedy in many ways. What do you think of the ending and Kim's sacrifice?
2. If you were writing the sequel to *Miss Saigon*, where would you see Chris, Ellen, and Tam in five years?
3. Think of the last time you made a sacrifice for someone. How did it make you feel?
4. What small sacrifices of time and talent can we make during the day to bring us closer to God?
5. Do you consider yourself a sacrificial person? Why or why not?



*Jesus, give me the strength to follow your example  
and put myself second in service to others. Help me express  
sacrificial love to those I meet. Amen.*

# Evita

We Will All Be Judged.

WHY THEN DO YOU JUDGE YOUR BROTHER?  
OR YOU, WHY DO YOU LOOK DOWN ON YOUR  
BROTHER? FOR WE SHALL ALL STAND BEFORE THE  
JUDGMENT SEAT OF GOD.

ROMANS 14:10



1. What do you think of Che's judgment of Evita?
2. From what you learned in the story, why do you think Evita had so many followers?
3. Do you think it is possible for a political figure to be equally loved and disliked?
4. How do we know if we are being "too" judgmental?
5. Do you think being non-judgmental is a struggle for Christians? How can Jesus help us with it?



*Dear Lord, guide us to view our neighbors with fairness and understanding. Help me to refrain from hasty judgment and remember that only You are fit to judge our behavior here on Earth. Amen.*

# *The Wizard of Oz*

Jesus Reveals God to Us.

WHOEVER HAS SEEN ME HAS SEEN THE FATHER.

JOHN 14:9



1. Dorothy had to travel to Oz to see the wizard. Where do you have to go to feel God's presence most strongly?
2. Dorothy had an important request for the wizard. Do you limit yourself when making requests from God, or do you ask Him for anything?
3. Dorothy and her friends are intimidated when they come face to face with the Wizard of Oz. How do you feel when you pray to God? Intimidated? Relaxed? Humble?
4. Dorothy makes new friends who join her on her journey to see the Wizard of Oz. Who are the friends you have made in your faith journey, and how have they impacted your life?
5. Have you ever felt that God "revealed Himself" to you? Share how and in what form you experienced His presence.



*Praise to You, Lord of life, and to your incarnation on Earth,  
Your son, Jesus! May we praise You all the days of our lives!  
Amen.*

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