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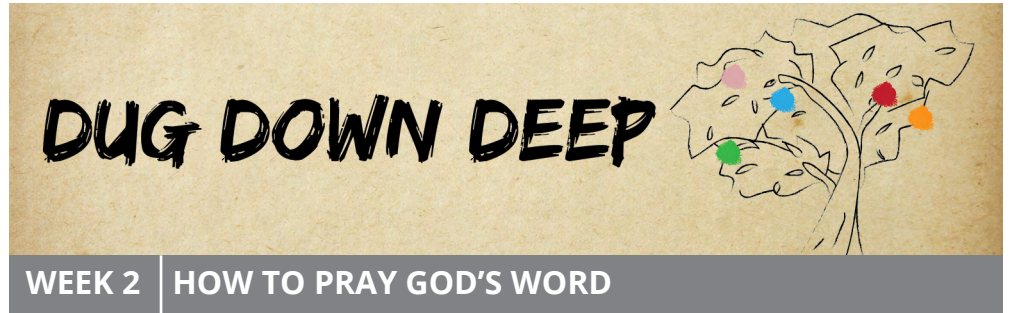
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### PRAYER

God, we thank you for your Bible, which helps us see how we ought to live, but also shows us the character of the One who gives us life in the first place. We love you, God, in Jesus' name, Amen.

### WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

Has there ever been a book you've read, a play or movie you've seen, or a song you've heard that made you think, "Wow, this is about ME!", because it felt like it described you or something you had been through? If so, what was it?

### NOTES

## WORD

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace;

[Isaiah 55:10-12](#) (ESV)

## GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = never seen a Bible, 10 = know the Bible inside out), how well do you know the Bible? Tell us about what role the Bible played (if any at all) in your life as you grew up.
2. On a scale from 1 - 10 (1 = no trust issues whatsoever, 10 = no trust whatsoever), do you trust the Bible to be true? Why would you give your trust level that rating?
3. The passage from Isaiah speaks about God's Word "accomplishing that which He purposes and shall succeed in the thing for which He has sent it." Do you believe that God's word will indeed accomplish everything He set out for? In your life? Why or why not?
4. According to verse 12, when trusted, God's Word brings about joy and peace. Is your life full of joy? Do you have an abundance of God's peace in your life, or are you experiencing turmoil and unrest? If you lack that peace, can we pray for you?
5. Would you like to try praying the Bible by starting with praying through familiar passages? What passage would you like to pray through? Here's an example of a prayer based on Psalm 23:1.

*I thank you that your name is Yahweh, the Almighty God, who is also my Shepherd who guides me when I lose my way in life. As long as you are my Shepherd, I have everything that I need and shall not be in want. God, I trust you and I pray for the grace to be more and more trusting in you! In Jesus' name, Amen.*

## PRAYER LIST