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february 5th-25th

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## VOICES: Parent Cue

Here is an overview of what we're talking about this month. Listed below the summary is a "parent cue" to help you dialog with your student about the series. **The question is intended not just to be asked by you, but responded to by BOTH of you.** Use this opportunity to find out what God is teaching your child, and allow your child to see what God is teaching you as well. We've also listed, week by week, what your teens will be learning about as a guide for you to dialogue with your teen this month.

### SERIES OVERVIEW

This is going to sound weird, but every one of us hears voices in our heads. It's the voices that say, "Life would be easier if only I could or had . . ." It's the voices that whisper when we look in the mirror or compare ourselves to someone else. These voices are trying to lead each one of us somewhere, but is it somewhere we really want to go? Or is there a better voice to follow? Yes, there is a voice that has our best in mind. A voice that knew us before we uttered our first cry. A voice that is designed not to bring out the worst in us, but the best.

**SERIES PARENT CUE: What are some of the words and comments that you hear every day? Which of those do you think are designed to make you who God wants you to be, of which of those are designed to pull you away or tear you down from who God wants you to be?**

### WEEK ONE: STATIC [February 5th, 2012]

**Bottom Line:** We have an enemy who is trying to speak into our lives.

There are voices in your head. Whispers when you look in the mirror, or at people around you. Words luring you to find something better than where you are. In fact, it's the pull of these voices that get us off track. Behind the voices is an enemy, Satan. His mission is our destruction. His whispers and words can completely mess with how we see ourselves and the world--unless we start listening to a better voice, God's, and work with Him to silence the voice of the Enemy.

**Scripture References: 1 Peter 5:8-10; Ephesians 6:12**

### WEEK TWO: WISH YOU WERE HERE [February 12th, 2012]

**Bottom Line:** We have an enemy whose goal in mind is to destroy our trust in God.

**Week Overview:** Most of us can recall a time when the Enemy's voice lured us into temptation that appeared too good to resist. On the other side, we see the error of our ways, but at the time, the whispers seemed impossible to ignore. The lies and the deception we are so quick to believe often have to do with the character of God. Is He holding out on me? Does He want me to be miserable? Are all these rules keeping me from being truly happy? And the Enemy steadily and stealthily whispers, "Yes." Our battle with the Enemy comes down to this one thing: whose voice do we trust? Are we willing to surrender a sense of wonder in our big God to the voice of empty promises coming from the one who is set on our destruction? In our own lives, whose voice do we allow to get the last word?

**Scripture References: Luke 15:11-17**

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## WEEK THREE: WHISPERS [February 19th, 2012]

**Bottom Line:** We have an enemy whose goal is to destroy our ability to see ourselves the way God sees us.

**Week Overview:** Look in the mirror long enough, and it's easy to pick apart the things you see. It starts with your looks, moves to your abilities, then your worth, purpose, and before long it's hard to know why anyone even gives you the time of day. The condemning voices certainly are convincing ones. But they aren't God's. God calls Gideon--an unassuming, formerly nameless Jewish boy--a "mighty warrior." And God calls us His. Imagine if students left middle and high school believing that. Imagine if we, as adults, started living like we knew that. Do we let the Enemy's voice skew our thoughts and twist our value? Or do we trust God's freeing declaration that in Him, we are enough? Worthy? Accepted? Then what would it take to start acting like it?

**Scripture References:** Judges 6:12-16; Romans 16:20

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