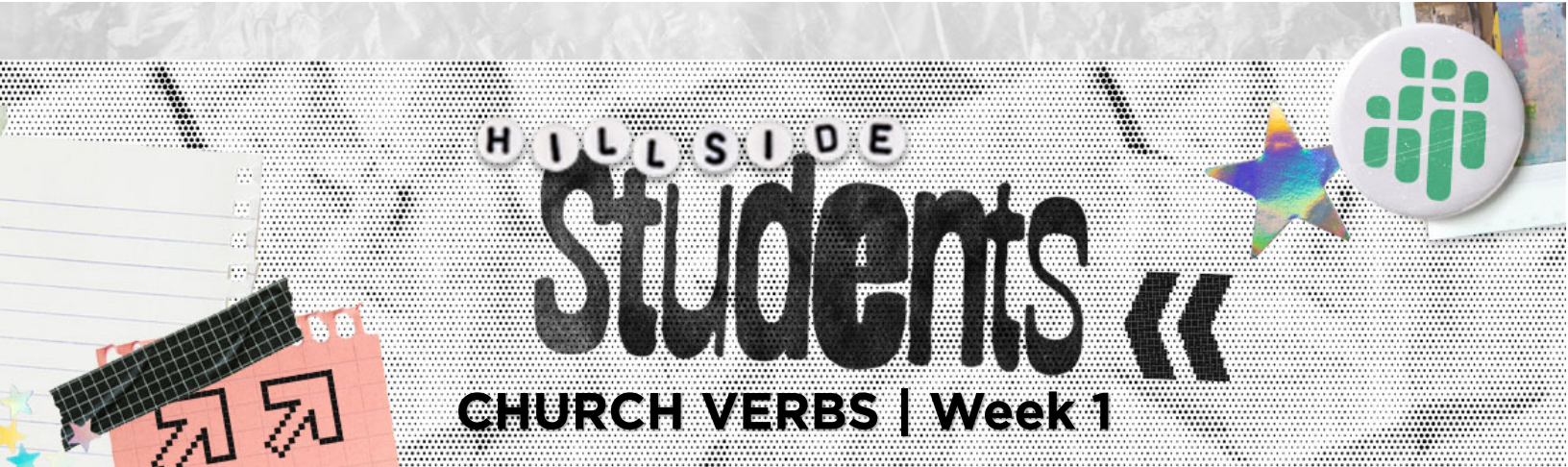




HILLSIDE Students

CHURCH VERBS | Week 1

REMINDERS: Take ATTENDANCE! Use the app & let us know who to add/remove!

GAME: 🎲🤔 **PLAY LEVELS!** Levels is a rock, paper, scissors game where everyone in the group starts on level 0. Then, everyone will play one round of the game. Whoever wins moves up to the next level and whoever loses moves down one level. The first person to reach level 10 wins!

LEADER TOOLS

TOPIC OVERVIEW: We're starting a new series called Church Verbs, and we're talking about things we're called to do corporately as the body of Christ - aka the Church! This week is on Evangelism, and what that can look like practically in a student's daily life. Evangelism is sharing the good news of Jesus with an unbelieving world. It isn't arguing people into heaven, having an answer for every objection, or cornering someone at lunch. Instead, it is being a witness to the power of God that we have personally seen in our lives. And then, we can have confidence that it does not rest on us - how fancy our words are, or how well we can tell a story. As Romans 1:16 says, it is not by our power that people are saved, but it is the power of God. We just carry a message that does the saving, which means a nervous, awkward, honest conversation still carries the full power of God in it.

Our prayer is that students will leave group feeling equipped and fired up to share their faith right where they are at, with the gifts the Lord has given them.

ICE-BREAKERS:

- What's your favorite birthday memory?
- What small animal would you be most afraid of if it were giant? (ex: chihuahua, squirrel, mouse, etc)

MESSAGE DEBRIEF & BIBLE STUDY:

- What stood out to you from the message?
- **Read Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8.** What does Jesus tell us our mission is all about? What does this look like in your life right now? Or maybe what are some ways you could start to add this to your life?
- **Read Philippians 2:5-8.** How can we imitate Jesus' example like Paul talks about? Who is one person you can serve this week?
- **Read 1 Peter 3:15.** Do you feel ready to tell others about the hope you have?
- If not, what do you think is getting in the way?
- If so, would you want to take a shot at sharing that hope with the group?
- **Re-read Acts 1:8.** What is a witness?
- **Challenge.** Who is one person you want to be a witness to this week?
- **Pray.** Pray for your students who have someone, that they would be encouraged and have a moment to share or invite someone this next week. For your students who don't have someone come to mind, pray that their example this week would lead others to see more of what God is like!

DISCUSSION