

What's YOUR Excuse? - Overview

A wise person once said, "Excuses are like belly buttons...everyone's got one and none of them are pretty." There is great truth behind this statement. Throughout our lifetime all of us make countless excuses and, while some of them are valid, a good number of them simply get us out of doing something that we don't want to do or something that is perceived as being too hard.

Unfortunately, this way of thinking creeps into our response to God's plans for our lives. There are times when we feel that he is leading us to make a certain decision or to act up or speak out, and yet we are often far too quick to make excuses and dismiss what God is inviting us to be a part of.

The purpose of this module is to help students see that God has an answer for all of our excuses and that the sooner we stop making them, the sooner we will experience all of what God has in store for our lives.

The first lesson, **What's YOUR Excuse**, is intended to help students begin this conversation. They will consider the excuses that they make on a daily basis, and how doing so can keep them from what God wants.

Lesson two, **I'm No One Special...**, will be an exploration of whether student's faulty self perceptions are holding them back, and they will consider that God has an answer, and a solution, for all of our excuses.

The third lesson, **I'm All Alone...**, will help students to develop an understanding that they are not alone in serving God. They will work together to perform a group unity assessment and/or find ways to connect with the broader community of believers.

The fourth lesson, **I'm Too Afraid...**, will help students overcome the fears that are stopping them from achieving God's plans by outline what the Bible says about fear.

The fifth lesson, **I'm Too Young...**, will help students understand that you are never too young to serve God by helping them explore a number of instances where God used young people in the Bible to achieve great things.

The final lesson, **I Don't Want To!**, addresses perhaps the most difficult excuse to overcome. Students will consider the differences between their ideas and God's ideas, ending with a focus on sharing their faith with a friend who doesn't yet know God.