



# Who's the Boss of Me?

## Small Group Leader Guide

### Lesson 1 – When do I get to be the boss?

**Scripture:** Romans 13:1-5; 1 Peter 2:13-17

**Big Idea:** God puts people in charge.

**Biblical Truth:** We need to respect and obey the people that God has placed in charge of us.

**Memorize:** John 16:13 “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”

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## K-2

Who are some people that are bosses or leaders in your life? What bosses or leaders do your teachers or parents have?

**Reread Romans 13:1-2 with your students.**

What does the Bible say about those who are in charge of you? Why is it important to obey them? What happens when people disobey their leaders?

**Reread 1 Peter 2:13, 17**

Why do you think God gives us bosses or leaders? How can you show respect to your leaders this week?

**Reinforce Big Idea:** God puts people in charge of us to help us learn more about Him, to help us grow, and to keep us safe.

**Prayer:** Ask the students how they want to obey God in following their leaders this week, and pray.

## 3-5

**Choose or adapt questions so they are age/difficulty appropriate for your small group.**

Who are some people that are bosses or leaders in your life? Are there some bosses that you think are more/less important than others? What bosses or leaders do your teachers or parents have?

**Read Romans 13:1-5 with your students.**

What does the Bible say about why God put people in charge of you? Why is it important to obey the people in charge? What has happened to you in the past when you've disobeyed people in charge? Revisit your earlier conversation about who are the bosses in your life. What is one reason that God made each of those people your boss?

**Read 1 Peter 2:13-17 with your students.**

What are some reasons we need people to be in charge of us? Why do so many people boss us around? How can you show respect to someone God put in charge of you this week?

**Prayer:** Ask the students how they want to obey God in following their leaders this week, and pray.