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part 2:

discussion

1. In large group, we looked at a pond with water lilies that Monet painted. Are there places that may seem ordinary to you but others might see as really awesome? Are those places part of your daily life?
2. What kinds of places does the average middle schooler go? Do you consider those places extra-ordinary or ordinary? Why? Does believing that God is in the places you go to on a regular basis change your answer?
3. Jesus chose to be born in a barn and grow up in a small town with not a whole lot going on. Where do you think people expected Jesus to grow up? Do you think people expected Jesus to have the kind of childhood that he had? Why?
4. How do you think people's view of Jesus changed when they realized where He was from, but saw that He did extra-ordinary things despite the unlikely place He found Himself in?
5. We talked earlier about ordinary places that middle schoolers might go. What might Jesus think of those places?
Tip: Remind students that Jesus did and went the ordinary places that we all do—ate, slept, went to church (temple), worked as a carpenter.
6. Are there any places in your life that you think it's unlikely that good can come out of? Can anyone think of something good that may come out of that unlikely place? do you think that God could or wants to work in that place?
7. Think about this statement: "God wants to do something extra-ordinary in you and through you right where you are." What does that statement mean to you.

What will you do

Ask students to think of a place that they think nothing good can come from. Break up into groups with a leader in each group and pray for each student out loud that something good would come out of that place this week.

Changing your mind

For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength. ----- 1 Corinthians 1:25