

# Supplemental Content

## Beach Party Option

### Pack Your Cooler for this Optional Opening Activity

- “Can You Earn Your Way to Heaven?” handout
- Pens

Break up your students into groups of 4-5 and pass out the handout found on the next page to each student. The object is to ‘earn’ 100 points to get to heaven. Students can work alone or try to get 100 points as a group—but only one person can go to heaven from the group. After 10 minutes or so, talk to the group about the exercise—because most, if not all of them, will not be able to earn 100 points.

## Additional Discussion Questions

Catch the Wave Additional Discussion Questions. After the video,

### Ask

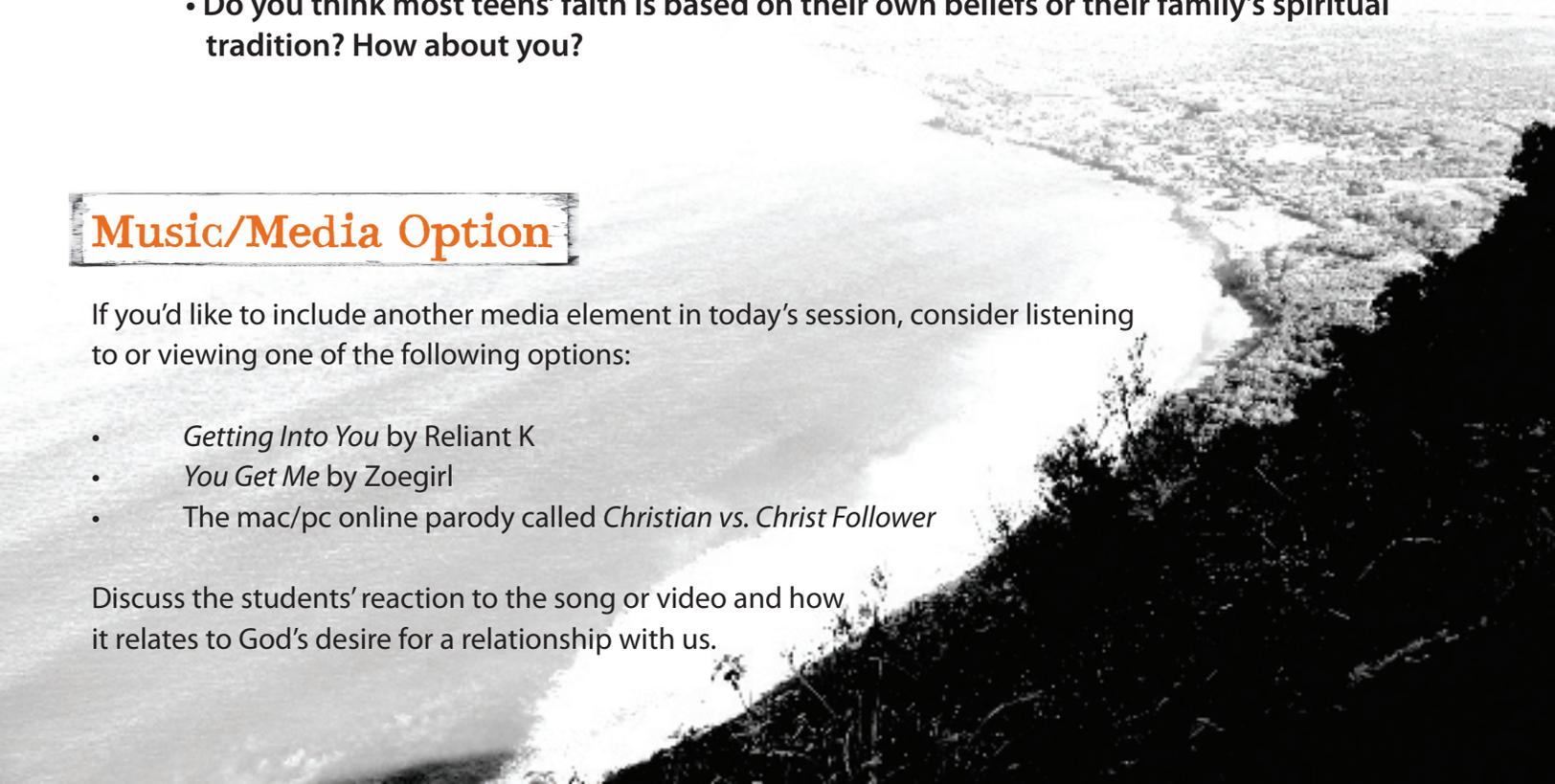
- Jasser was very adamant that there is no free gift—yet Zane and Greg both made the case for the idea that salvation is actually free because Jesus paid the price. Who was more convincing to you? Why?
- Do you think most teens’ faith is based on their own beliefs or their family’s spiritual tradition? How about you?

## Music/Media Option

If you’d like to include another media element in today’s session, consider listening to or viewing one of the following options:

- *Getting Into You* by Reliant K
- *You Get Me* by Zoegirl
- The mac/pc online parody called *Christian vs. Christ Follower*

Discuss the students’ reaction to the song or video and how it relates to God’s desire for a relationship with us.



# Can You Earn Your Way to Heaven?

You must earn 100 points to go to heaven!

Activities <b>Earning</b> Points	Points Accumulated
<b>1 point items:</b>	
Each Bible verse you can say from memory	
Years you've been a Christian	
Each one of Jesus' apostles you can name from memory	
<b>5 points for each occurrence in the past month:</b>	
Each hour you spent in prayer	
Each charitable act (i.e., volunteer at a homeless shelter)	
Each dollar you gave to the church	
Each youth group activity you attended this past month	
<b>10 bonus points:</b>	
Each day you didn't sin once this past month	
<b>Earned Points Subtotal</b>	

Activities <b>Deducting</b> Points	Points Lost
<b>1 point for each occurrence in the past month:</b>	
Each day you didn't pray	
Each time you lied this past month	
Every church service you missed	
<b>5 points for each occurrence in the past month:</b>	
Each time you took God's name in vain	
Each time you lusted	
Each time you prayed but doubted God would answer	
<b>Deducted Points Subtotal</b>	

**Grand Total**—**Earned Points** minus **Deducted Points** \_\_\_\_\_

## Supplemental Bible Verses

Encourage students to read more Scripture passages after the session that show the relationship dimension of our connection with God, as well as the fact that this relationship is a free gift. Recommend they check out verses such as these:

- Psalm 91:14-16
- Psalm 139: 7, 9-10, 23-24
- John 5:24
- John 6:28-29
- John 6:40
- Romans 4:5
- Romans 10:9
- Romans 11:6
- Philippians 3:9
- Galatians 2:16
- Galatians 2:21
- Galatians 3:1-3; 9-14; 21-25
- Titus 3:5

## Background/Resources

- *LIVE Holy Bible* for teens from Tyndale House Publishers
- *Experiencing God* by Henry Blackaby
  
- *You're Next* by Greg Stier
  
- "What You Have in Common with God" at everystudent.com  
<http://www.everystudent.com/wires/likeness.html>

## Parent Newsletter and Activities

Dare 2 Share Ministries strongly believes in involving parents in the *Maui* series. We encourage you to use the following newsletter to help your parents stay informed and engaged. The newsletter is designed to be sent prior to the meeting in which you will watch the corresponding episode because it summarizes what's coming up and provides parent/teen activity ideas or discussion questions. Feel free to reproduce this letter for use in your youth ministry in either paper or email format.



## Dear Parents,

This week we will be viewing episode 5 of *GOSPEL Journey Maui* and discussing the difference between religion and a relationship with God. Religion, by definition, is humanity's attempt to 'bind us back' to God through works. Relationship with God, however, is the free gift of salvation offered to everyone because of Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

Take some time to explore as a family some of the ways God communicates that He is relational and desires a relationship with people. Check out the following verses together; then use the discussion questions below to interact with your teen:

- John 1:12
- John 3:16
- John 15:15
- Galatians 4:7
- 1 Thessalonians 1:4



### Discussion questions

- What is the difference between a religion about God and a relationship with God?
- What do these verses show about God's desire to have a relationship with people?

The *GOSPEL Journey Maui* reality series is a powerful tool to engage young people in spiritual conversation. Don't hesitate to ask your teen to tell you about the cast members in the series. Find out which cast member they identify with most and why?

Your youth leader,