

# Girls Only

Will of God

## Additional Project Ideas

**Bring in some guests.** Choose several women in your church to come and talk to your girls about the different career paths they've chosen. Choose a teacher, businesswoman, stay-at-home mom, doctor, lawyer, or other women who have interesting careers. Encourage the women to talk about how God uses them in their careers to minister to those around them. Talk to your girls about the variety of choices they have for their careers and how they can be used by God in those careers.

**Make a list.** Have the girls prayerfully consider what they would like to be remembered for or what they would like to do in their lifetime. Let the girls make a list of several of these things. Encourage the girls to set smaller goals for achieving these things. Allow time for the girls to share their lists and plans with the group. Talk to the girls about the importance of sharing these goals with one another.

**Tell the Story.** Have the girls write a "choose-your-own-adventure" story. The girls could write a story individually or collaborate with a small team of other girls. Coordinate with the sponsor of a younger club to have the girls share the story with the younger club.

**Have a prayer night.** Play a worship CD softly and take turns praying for one another. Encourage girls to share needs they have. Have the girls pray in a circle and take turns at the center of the circle. Take your time and make sure each girl receives prayer. Lead out in prayer, but encourage the girls to engage with you and lead out in prayer for each other. Provide time for the girls to journal about their experience being prayed for and how praying helped them discover the will of God. Have the girls report if needs are answered.

**Think good thoughts.** Have the girls brainstorm their favorite Scriptures to think about instead of spending time worrying. Have the girls choose a few verses to memorize from the list they create or choose any of the following:

Galatians 5:22-23  
Ephesians 4:22-24  
Ephesians 5:1,2  
Philippians 2:5-11

Philippians 4:4-7  
Philippians 4:8  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18  
James 3:17,18

**Hide it in your heart.** Have the girls memorize Romans 12 and write a short essay on learning to know the will of God. Encourage the girls to share their essays with the group.

**Look back.** Have the girls take a look at their life and pick one choice they've made in their life. Have the girls write a story about how their life would be different if they had made a different choice.

## Resource Ideas

- *Choose: Steer Wide of Total Stupidity* by Kevin Johnson, Youth Specialties, 2008.
- *A Young Woman's Walk with God: Growing More Like Jesus* by Elizabeth George, Harvest House, 2006.
- *Thrive Teen Devotional: Take the Turn for God in Just 5 Minutes a Day* by Blaine Bartel, Harrison House, 2006.
- *Duplicate This! Showing Your Friends How to Live Like Jesus* By Andy Braner, Zondervan – Youth Specialties, 2008
- *Following Jesus into College and Beyond* by Jeff Baxter, Zondervan – Youth Specialties, 2009.

## Additional Discussion Questions

### Discovery #1

- What is God's will for you? How do you know? How can you discover God's will for you?
- What are some verses that help you feel confident that you can know God's will for you?
- What does it mean to be God's child? Knowing that God has a plan for you, how does that make you feel?

### Discovery #2

- How can you obey God's will?
- What are the consequences of not following God's will for your life?
- What are some good ways to determine whether or not you've heard from God?

### Discovery #3

- If you're in God's will, why do bad things happen?
- Could God possibly have any purpose in having you endure hard things?
- Why do parents discipline their children? Why do parents make their kids do chores? Why does God discipline us or make us learn hard lessons?

### Discovery #4

- How do you know that you're praying according to God's will?
- Can you change God's will? Why do we pray?
- What if your prayers aren't answered? Does it mean you weren't praying according to God's will? What can you learn when your prayers aren't answered?

### Discovery #5

- What are the consequences of disobeying God's will?
- Have you ever done something that you knew was outside God's will for your life? How did you feel? Did you make changes to your life when you realized you were wrong?
- What can we learn from the Prodigal Son? The Samaritan Woman? Peter?

### Discovery #6

- Why should you obey God's will?
- How do you know God's will when the Bible doesn't specifically say what to do?
- What are some good ways to learn to know God's will?