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Over the course of these first three weeks of StuMin, we will be challenged to see ordinary moments as extraordinary opportunities to bring more life, more joy, more hope, and more energy to our lives and the world around us. Through stories from Scripture, we will be inspired to be people who make life a party!

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John 10:10 NIV

You have what it takes to be an influencer.

SEPTEMBER 20

Matthew 9:10-13 NLT

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SEPTEMBER 27

Luke 2:49-50, 52 NLT; Matt. 7:7-8 NIV

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THEME VERSE

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**MORNING TIME**

Start each day by praying Philippians 4:13 (I can do all this through Christ who gives me strength) with or over your teen. Ask them, “what do you need God’s strength to face today?” Then, throughout the day, repeat the Philippians 4:13 prayer, but where the verse says, “all this,” replace those words with the specific thing you learned about. As you pray, ask God to give your teen the courage and strength they need to face the things that feel overwhelming.

**THEIR TIME**

Encourage your teen to pay attention to songs that connect with them and whatever they are facing right now. How does the music or lyrics bring them joy and/or comfort?

As often as possible, connect with your teen through music. Ask them to share what they like, and introduce them to your favorites as well.

Work together to curate a playlist that you can use to “start the party” at home.

**MEAL TIME**

At meals this month, share stories about “the best party you’ve ever been to.” What made these parties memorable? How can you bring that kind of positive energy into everyday life?

**BED TIME**

Take some time to pray and ask for God’s help as you and your teen seek to live and treat other people like Jesus did. Pray that you will be “influencers” who include everybody and are always willing to learn and grow.

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