

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 1, Session 7

CONNECTION POINT:

God provides all we need as we pursue Christ daily.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: We're familiar with the statement, "Don't judge a book by its cover." A car on the lot can look great, but it can be a lemon because of engine problems. This truth applies to believers and churches. The first-century church at Laodicea appeared to be healthy on the outside, but their outward appearance hid their spiritual poverty. Jesus' warning to this church—and His call to repent and seek fellowship with Him—is a great message for us today.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Genesis 1:26–2:24

Live It Out: Help your child make a list of all the things she can do. Comment that God made her special and able to do many things.

God had made day and night, land and water, and plants and trees. God made the sun, moon, and stars. He made animals that live in water, birds, and land animals.

After God made all the land animals on the sixth day, He said, "I will make man. He will be in charge of all the animals. He will take care of the plants I have made."

The man, named Adam, lived in the garden of Eden. He worked in the garden. God brought the animals to Adam and Adam named each one.

God decided the man should not be alone. He made a woman. God made Adam and Eve different from the other things He made. He made them able to choose to love and obey Him.

On the seventh day, God rested.

KIDS

Scripture: Genesis 6:9–9:17

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Help your child find Psalm 97 in his Bible. Together read aloud the verses and discuss what the verses say about God.

God saw that the people on earth were evil, but Noah was righteous. He had a wife and three sons. God told Noah He would destroy the earth with a flood. God told Noah to build an ark. God said to bring at least two of every kind of animal and food for the animals and people.

Noah and his family entered the ark. God shut the door. Rain fell for 40 days and nights. The ark floated on the water. Finally, the ark came to rest on a mountain. Noah sent out birds several times to check for dry land. One bird did not return.

After Noah came out of the ark, he built an altar to worship God. God promised that He never again destroy the earth with a flood. God put a rainbow in the clouds to remind of His promise.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Revelation 3:14–22

- What does it look like for a Christian to be lukewarm in today's world?
- Do you find it difficult or easy to rely on Jesus in today's world? Explain.
- What does it look like to trust and pursue Jesus for your needs?

Live It Out: Jesus accused the church in Laodicea of being lukewarm, poor, and blind. When we fail to recognize our own weaknesses, it is the Holy Spirit who convicts us and opens our eyes to the truth. Even though it can sometimes be painful to receive, recognizing the truth about ourselves is an essential step in our receiving God's blessings.

Many who would claim to follow Jesus want to accept the parts of Christianity that they like, and hold on to the things of the world which they appreciate. However, this simply can't happen. We're either all-in, or we're out. We're either hot or cold, but there is no middle ground. With your student, consider ways you may be living out a lukewarm faith and determine how you can commit to living more fully for Christ.