

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 1, Session 6

CONNECTION POINT:

Faithfully trust God as you minister to others.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: One mark of a good leader is a willingness to offer praise and appreciation for the work of others. Such praise typically motivates the employee to continue doing well. Jesus commended the first-century church of Philadelphia for their faithfulness and ministry. But just as an employee should not rest on past accomplishments, the church was called to hold to their faith. As we remain faithful to Jesus, He promises His protection and reward.

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 1:20-25

Live It Out: Give your child some responsibility for helping to care for a pet. She can give food and water and walk the pet. Remind your child that the pet is a creation of God.

In the first four days, God created darkness, light, water, and the sky, dry land, oceans, plants, sun, moon, and stars. God said that everything He made was good!

On the fifth day, God said, "Let the waters be filled with living animals, and let birds fly in the sky." God created every kind of fish and animal that lives in the water. He made tiny water animals and giant whales! Then He made all kinds of birds to fly in the sky.

On the sixth day, God made animals to live on the land. God made all the wild animals, farm animals, and every kind of animal.

In two days, God made all the many different kinds of animals. God looked at all the animals He made and the beautiful world He made. It was all very good.

KIDS

Scripture: Genesis 2:4-24; 3

Live It Out: Help your child memorize the Weekly Bible Verse, Genesis 1:27. Remind her that sin damaged the relationship God wants, and He sent Jesus to save us from sin.

After God created man, He placed the man in the garden. God told Adam to take care of the garden. God also told him to eat from any tree except from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Then God brought every animal to Adam, and Adam named each one.

God did not want Adam to be alone. God caused Adam to sleep. While he was sleeping, God made a woman from the man's rib. Her name was Eve.

The serpent tricked Eve into eating from the forbidden tree. Adam also ate some fruit. Adam and Eve both knew they disobeyed God.

When God found them, they admitted what they did and blamed the serpent. God punished the serpent, the woman, and man. God made clothing for Adam and Eve from animal skins. Then God sent them out of the garden.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Revelation 3:7-13

- What are some obstacles that may hinder us from trusting God?
- How do you remain faithful to God during difficult times?
- What are some tools that God gives us to help us remain faithful?

Live It Out: Jesus commended the church in Philadelphia for being faithful—they experienced difficult things, but still lived out their commitment to follow Christ. When we faithfully pursue Jesus, refusing to compromise, God will bless us in real ways, including shaping us more fully into the image of Jesus.

In our culture, people are generally critical or skeptical. Most people have been burned many times and aren't inclined to trust others. This week, share the reasons you see Jesus as trustworthy with a non-believing friend. Include a specific story about how He has been faithful to you and invite your friend to trust in Jesus, too.