

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

### SUMMER 2021

Unit 1, Session 3

#### CONNECTION POINT:

When it comes to biblical truth about Christ, there is no room for compromise.

#### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** Most people don't like conflict and confrontation. Some will go to great lengths to avoid conflict. While Scripture commands us, "If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone" (Rom. 12:18), this is not a command to avoid all confrontations. Believers should never compromise on the essential beliefs of the Christian faith. When we stand for God's truth, we can avoid the rebuke Jesus spoke against the first-century church at Pergamum.

**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:** Luke 4:42–5:11

**Live It Out:** Review the Bible story as your child uses a small net to scoop fish from a bowl of water. Remind your child that Jesus can do things people cannot do.

Jesus was near a lake teaching people about God. People were crowding around Him.

Jesus got into Peter's boat. Jesus asked him to take the boat away from the shore so the people could see Jesus. Jesus sat in the boat and taught the people.

When Jesus finished teaching, He told Peter, "Go out into the deep water. Cast your nets to catch fish."

Peter said, "Jesus, we fished all night and caught no fish. But I will do what you say."

Peter threw the nets into the water. When Peter tried to pull in the nets, they were so full of fish that they began to break. The men in another boat helped pull the heavy nets into the boats. Peter and his friends were amazed when they saw all the fish.

## KIDS

**Scripture:** John 3:1-21

**Live It Out:** Read aloud the Weekly Bible Verse, John 3:16. Read the verse in several different translations. Help your child memorize her favorite translation of the verse.

Nicodemus was a Pharisee. One night he came to visit Jesus. Nicodemus said that he knew Jesus came from God because of the things He did.

Jesus helped Nicodemus understand how he could know God. Jesus said a person must be born again. Nicodemus was confused and asked, "How can a person be born two times?"

Jesus told Nicodemus that a person can be born twice. Once you are born by flesh, the second time by spirit. It is something God's spirit does in a person's mind and heart.

Jesus continued to talk with him. Jesus said that God showed His love for the world by sending His only Son so that whoever believes in Him would have eternal life with God in heaven. Jesus helped Nicodemus understand that God sent Him to be the Savior of the world.

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Revelation 2:12-17

- What does a faithful witness look like today?
- What are the consequences of compromise when it comes to biblical truth?
- Why are Christians sometimes tempted to believe the lies of the world?

**Live It Out:** Scripture is the inspired Word of God. It has been literally "breathed out" by the Holy Spirit and is the means by which God reveals Himself, as well as His purposes for the world and for us. Those who trust in any other sources of wisdom are guilty of the same sins as the church in Pergamum. We can know God and His will only through the Scriptures.

With your student, discuss times when you have had to take a stand for Jesus against a culture that tells us to be tolerant. While it is important that we recognize others' rights to think and choose for themselves, tolerance in our culture often translates as acceptance or even approving. Scripture is clear—while truly loving all people, we must stand against sin.