

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

### SUMMER 2021

Unit 1, Session 5

#### CONNECTION POINT:

Stay alert and focused on the things of God.

#### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** We protect what we value. We lock our doors at night or when we leave our residence. We lock our cars. Some keep their valuables in safes or safety deposit boxes. Christians need to remain alert and guard their faith as well, striving to live lives of faithfulness to Jesus. Otherwise, we are prone to complacency and sin creeps in. Jesus warned the first-century church at Sardis of this very problem and called them to repent.

**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 1:1-19

**Live It Out:** Take a walk outside with your preschooler to look at God's creation. Stop periodically and say a prayer of thanks for the things you see.

In the beginning, God created the world. The world was dark and empty.

God said, "Let there be light!" Suddenly the light began to shine. God called the light day and the darkness night. This was the first day.

On the second day, God created a huge space above the earth and called it sky.

On day three, God made dry land. He gathered water into oceans, rivers, and lakes. God made plants and trees to grow on the earth. He created each plant and tree to have its own kind of seed. Some of the plants grew food.

On the fourth day, God said, "Let there be lights in the sky." He made the sun to shine during the day. He made the moon and stars to give light at night. God saw that everything He had made was good.

## KIDS

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:1–2:3

**Live It Out:** Ask your child to make a list of his favorite things in God's creation. Challenge him to create a poem or song, praising God for those parts of creation.

The world was dark and empty. God said: "Let there be light," and there was light, just as He said. God separated the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good.

On the second day God made the sky. On the third day God made the dry land and the seas. Then God made plants and trees. God saw that it was good.

On the fourth day God made the sun, moon, and the stars. God saw that it was good. On the fifth day God made every kind of water animal and birds. God saw that it was good.

On the sixth day God created all kinds of animals. Then God spoke again. God made a man and a woman. God saw all He had made and it was very good.

On the seventh day God rested. God called the seventh day holy.

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Revelation 3:1-6

- What does spiritual complacency look like?
- How can we keep our focus on Jesus every day?
- What things can distract us from focusing on God?

**Live It Out:** Jesus said to the church at Thyatira that even though they appeared to be alive, they were in fact dead. Because of sin, we are all spiritually dead apart from our receiving new life in Christ. This new life is a gift from God given to those who repent of sin, and in turn, wholeheartedly pursue Jesus in faith and obedience.

Our culture claims to know what it means to be alive, but the world's values actually lead to death. What does the world claim leads to a meaningful and happy life? Create a list with your student and consider what the Bible has to say about these things.