

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 1, Session 5

CONNECTION POINT:

A vast difference exists between faith in Jesus and all other religions.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: The Hindu religion contains 330 million gods, but worship of those various gods lead to the same place. Many non-Hindus believe something similar: we call God by different names and believe different things about Him, but at the heart of it all, we're worshiping the same God. The Bible reveals a different picture: only one true God exists, and we come to know Him only through Jesus Christ.

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: Matthew 2:1-12

Live It Out: Allow your child to help choose gifts for family members. Your child might enjoy wrapping gifts. Tell the Bible story of the wise men's visit to Jesus. Comment that we give gifts to people who are special to us.

Wise men, who were watching the stars, saw a new star shining brightly. This new star meant that God's Son had been born. They wanted to see the special child and give Him gifts.

The wise men went to Jerusalem. They asked about the special baby. King Herod was not happy to hear about Jesus. He told them the prophets wrote long ago that a special baby would be born in Bethlehem. King Herod told the wise to let him know where they found the baby. King Herod said he wanted to see Jesus, too.

The wise men followed the star to the house where Jesus and His family were. They bowed down and thanked God for sending Jesus. The wise men gave Jesus gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh. In a dream, God told the wise men to go home another way.

KIDS

Scripture: Matthew 2

Live It Out: Help your child learn Luke 2:40, from memory. Help her understand this verse tells that Jesus grew from a baby, like all people do. Say the verse together each day this week.

Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, looking for Jesus. They heard He was a new king. The wise men followed a star and wanted to worship Jesus.

King Herod was upset. King Herod told them to find the child in Bethlehem, then come back so he could go worship Jesus.

The wise men followed the star and found Jesus. They went into the house and worshiped Jesus. They gave gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They were warned in a dream to return home another way.

In a dream, an angel warned Joseph to take Jesus to Egypt. King Herod was searching for Him. King Herod was angry. He ordered all of the boys in Bethlehem who were two years of age and younger to be killed. After King Herod died, God told Joseph to return to Nazareth.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Isaiah 44:6-11; John 14:5-7

- Why is it so important that we know there is only one God?
- What are some practical ways we can avoid idolatry in our own lives?
- How can we show love to those who practice other religions while holding fast to the truth?

Live It Out: There are many different ways people dishonor God. Some claim that all religions are the same. Some believe there are many ways to God. Some claim to follow Jesus, but love the things of the world. Whatever the case, the truth is there is one God and one way to Him. To live in relationship with God requires following Jesus, loving Him wholeheartedly, and honoring Him as the holy Son of God.

Ask your student if her or she knows anyone who questions the authenticity of Jesus as Messiah. Create a list of any friends and neighbors that do not know Jesus and make a commitment to pray for each person. Also pray for opportunities to share the truth with them.