

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 2, Session 4

CONNECTION POINT:

Let love characterize every relationship.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: We've probably all heard someone say, "I love him, but I don't like him." In that attitude, we treat love as some sort of concept we are required to embrace—especially with relatives—but there are no concrete, day-to-day expressions of love. Yet the starting point for any strong relationship is love, love that is expressed in both attitudes and actions. Jesus modeled this kind of love for us, and calls us to do the same.

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: Acts 2

Live It Out: Encourage your child to recall the Bible story she heard today. Remind her that Jesus is God's Son. Help your child thank God for the teachers who tell her about Jesus.

Peter and the other disciples of Jesus were together in a house. They heard a sound like a strong wind. People gathered outside the house after hearing the sound.

The disciples began to speak in different languages. They went out to tell the people about Jesus. The people were surprised that the disciples could speak in many languages.

Peter stood up and talked to all the people. He told the people that Jesus is God's Son and all the good things He did.

Many people listened to Peter spoke that day. "What should we do?" the people asked.

Peter told them to start making right choices and to learn more about God's Son, Jesus. Three thousand people believed what Peter said. They met with the disciples to learn more about Jesus.

KIDS

Scripture: Acts 2

Live It Out: Ask your child to name something from the Bible that is difficult for her to understand. Comment that God sends His Holy Spirit to Christians to help them.

On Pentecost, the disciples were all together in a house. A sound of a rushing wind filled the whole house. They saw tongues that looked like flames of fire resting on everyone's heads. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit helped them speak in different languages. People from every nation heard them speaking in their own language

Peter began preaching about Jesus. He told the crowd Jesus had been crucified and God made Him alive. He told the people all about the miracles God had done through Jesus.

When the people heard, they believed. Peter told them they must confess their sins, repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus. They would then receive the Holy Spirit.

About 3,000 people accepted Christ as their Savior that day and were baptized.

STUDENTS

Scripture: John 15:9-14

- How would you describe the connection between remaining in God's love and obeying His commandments?
- How have you experienced the joy of loving others as Christ loves you?
- List some practical ways you can demonstrate sacrificial love to others.

Live It Out: We are called to love all people in real ways, and this applies especially to our families. Because God has placed us in such close relationships with our parents and siblings, we have the opportunity to reflect the generous and sacrificial nature of God's love in meaningful ways. As we submit to our parents, we reflect the humility of Christ who lived in submission to the Father. As we serve our siblings, we reflect Jesus' coming not to be served, but to serve the world. As we love the members of our family in practical ways, others see the nature of God in us. How does the way you spend your time reflect your love of God?