

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

### SUMMER 2020

Unit 2, Session 3

#### CONNECTION POINT:

God gives the church spiritual gifts to accomplish His work.

#### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** The English poet John Donne wrote “No man is an island,” referring to the interconnectedness of human beings. No one survives and thrives without assistance from others, not even in the church. No believer is fully equipped to stand alone. As we depend on God’s Spirit, His Spirit works through other believers to support us. And the Spirit works through us to help and support them. God has equipped us to accomplish His work.

**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 1:20-25,30-31

**Live It Out:** Review the Bible story. Help your child think of animals by naming some categories such as farm animals, water animals, and zoo animals. Thank God for animals.

God had made a wonderful world. He created day and night. God made the sky, oceans, and dry land. He made plants, trees, and grass to grow on the land. He made the sun to shine during the day and the moon and stars to shine at night.

Then, on the fifth day, God created every kind of fish and every kind of animal that lives in the water. He made all kinds of birds to fly in the sky.

On the sixth day, God made animals to live on the land. He made all the wild animals, farm animals, and animals that crawl on the ground.

God planned for the birds and animals to have food to eat. They would eat the plants that grew in the ground. God looked at the world He had made. It was all very good.

## KIDS

**Scripture:** Genesis 2:4-24

**Live It Out:** Remind your child that God planned for people to live in families. Talk about immediate and extended family members. Invite her to pray and thank God for her family.

God had the world ready for people. God made a man out of the dust, then God breathed into the nose of the man. The man became a living person! The man was Adam.

God put Adam in a beautiful garden. God told Adam to care for the garden. God warned Adam, “You may eat from any tree in the garden, but do not eat from one specific tree. If you do, you shall die.”

God knew the man needed a helper. God brought each kind of animal to Adam. Adam named the animals, but he did not find a helper from them.

God put Adam into a deep sleep and took one of his ribs. God made a woman and brought the woman to the man.

“You will be called Eve,” Adam said. He was very excited to see his new helper.

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Ephesians 4:1-7,11-16

- What are some ways division can be harmful to a church?
- How has your participation in ministry helped you mature in Christ?
- Why are all parts of the church body so important? What keeps us from experiencing unity in the church today?

**Live It Out:** The church is a community of believers who are called to meet together regularly to study Scripture, pray, worship, serve and encourage one another, and proclaim the gospel to the world. When we come to faith, the Spirit comes into the lives of all believers and gives us a spiritual gift meant for serving the church and honoring God.

Many people come to church because they believe it will benefit them. However, Scripture teaches that we are to prioritize serving others. Think about this—if everybody came to be served, then no one would be served; but if everyone came looking to serve, all would be served. Determine how your family can serve within your church and starting right now.