

# FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

## QUARTER

Unit 2, Session 2

### CONNECTION POINT:

Commit your whole life in trust and obedience to Christ.

### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** Commitment is a big step in almost all areas. To commit yourself to one thing means denying yourself something else. Jesus Himself acknowledged this when He urged us to “count the cost” (Luke 14:28-33). Such a commitment is a marked distinction between those who say they follow Christ and those who actually do. While many people can’t get past the great sacrifice and commitment this calls for, true disciples embrace commitment to Christ out of love and gratitude for His redemption, reconciliation, and gift of life.

**LIVE IT OUT:** Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

## PRESCHOOL

**Scripture:** Mark 10:13-16

**Live It Out:** Review the Bible story. Practice saying the Weekly Bible Verse together: “Jesus said, ‘You should do as I have done for you.’” John 13:15.”

Everywhere Jesus went, people followed Him. One day some mothers and fathers brought their children to see Jesus. The mothers and fathers wanted their children to see Jesus and hear His kind words.

Some of Jesus’ helpers saw the mothers, fathers, and children trying to get near Jesus. Jesus’ helpers told the mothers and fathers that Jesus was too busy to see children.

Jesus saw what His helpers were doing. He became angry. Jesus said to His helpers, “Let the children come to Me. Do not send them away. God loves children. They are a part of God’s special plan. Everyone should love God like the children love Him.”

Jesus took the children in His arms. He gently put His hands on them and talked to them. Jesus showed His helpers that He loved children.

## KIDS

**Scripture:** Mark 10:13-16

**Live It Out:** Review the Bible story. Say that Jesus knows every person is valuable. Help your child pray for people she know. Ask God to remind her that each person is valuable to Him.

Some people brought their little children to Jesus. They wanted Jesus to place His hands on the children and pray for them. When the disciples saw the parents and children trying to get to Jesus, they tried to stop them. They kept them and the children away from Jesus.

Then Jesus saw what was happening. He was very unhappy with His disciples. He said, “Let the children come to Me. Don’t stop them. God’s kingdom belongs to those who come as a child comes. Truly I tell you this, whoever does not receive God’s kingdom like a little child will never enter His kingdom.”

Then Jesus took the children in His arms. He put His hands on the children and blessed them. Jesus showed how much He loved the children.

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Mark 10:13-22

- Why are most children trusting by nature?
- Why are so many people tempted to believe that being a good person will get us into heaven?
- How would you describe a life fully committed to Jesus?

**Live It Out:** Our response to God’s love is to remain pure in all aspects of life—with our bodies, thoughts, attitudes, actions, and speech—and He empowers us to obey His commands as we live by the Spirit. We aren’t saved by obedience. Rather, we are made right with God by the sacrifice of Christ. Our obedience, then, is an expression of the change God has made in our hearts.

How does your life demonstrate that you are all-in committed to Christ? How are you all-in committed to the church? Discuss these questions with your student and challenge each other to stay committed to Christ.