

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

### QUARTER

Unit 1, Session 1

### CONNECTION POINT:

God is to have first place in every aspect of life.

### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** Anything or anyone might be your god. For some people, their god is money, their career, pleasure, sports, or a special possession. Unfortunately, these gods—those things we place above all else—are rampant in our society. The Bible calls this idolatry, giving to someone or something else the devotion and worship God alone deserves. God calls us to devote ourselves to Him because He alone is God. In Him alone is found true life, both in this world and in the world to come.

**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:** Numbers 13–14

**Live It Out:** Review the Bible story and say the Weekly Bible Verse: “God said, ‘I will always love you.’ Jeremiah 31:3.” Remind your child that God’s love for him never changes.

God promised the people a home in the land of Canaan. Moses chose 12 men to look at the land. Joshua and Caleb were two of the men.

The 12 men traveled into Canaan. They saw the people and towns. They cut a branch with a bunch of grapes. The men also gathered other fruit from the land. After 40 days, the men returned.

The men reported that the land was good for growing food. But ten of the men said that the people were large and the towns had strong walls around them.

Joshua and Caleb said, “The land is good. God will give the land to us.”

The people did not want to go into the land. They chose to disobey God. God told Moses the people would stay in the wilderness for 40 years.

## KIDS

**Scripture:** Numbers 13–14

**Live It Out:** Discuss how the people disobeyed God. Say that God still loved the people. Remind your child God still loves her even when she disobeys.

God was ready to lead the Israelites into the promised land. God asked Moses to choose 12 men to see what the land and people were like. The 12 scouted out the land.

The spies came to a valley where fruit grew. They carried back grapes, pomegranates, and figs. After 40 days of searching the land, the men returned.

The 12 spies gave their report to the people. They showed them the fruit of the land.

Ten of the spies were afraid. They believed the people living in Canaan were too big and their towns too strong. Only Joshua and Caleb believed God’s promise. They reminded the people that God would help them.

The Israelites chose to disobey God. God forgave His people, but only Caleb and Joshua could enter Canaan, because they had trusted God and His promises.

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:1-6; Psalm 16:1-4a, 9-11

- Where do you see examples of idols in our culture?
- When are you most tempted to put your trust in something besides the Lord?
- What does it look like to place God first in your life?

**Live It Out:** Because God is holy, He is altogether separate from and infinitely above people who are sinful, and He deserves our reverence and obedience. Honoring God first isn’t something we pursue all alone. We need the support and encouragement of Christian friends, and they need the same thing from us.

Sit down with your student this week and ask him or her who encourages them to honor God. How are they encouraged? Encourage your student to write a thank you note to that person for their support. Consider ways you can encourage each member of your family to honor God and help others to do the same.