

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

QUARTER

Unit 1, Session 2

CONNECTION POINT:

Our relationship with God is seen in how we honor Him.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: What we say is important, but we also know “talk can be cheap.” What gives our words value is how we back them up by our behavior and actions. A person can say whatever he wants, but his words are only as good as his actions. Our walk with God is more than telling people what we believe about Him; our devotion to Him is seen in our words, worship, and actions. Words and actions go hand in hand.

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: Joshua 6:1-21

Live It Out: Review the Bible story with your child. Say that God told Joshua what to do and we can read the Bible to know what God wants us to do.

God promised to give Jericho to the Israelites. God told Joshua what to do.

Joshua told the people about God’s plan. God said the people should walk around Jericho once a day for six days. Soldiers went first. Seven priests with trumpets followed. Priests carried the ark of the covenant next. Guards followed the ark around the city.

Joshua said, “Do not speak until I say, ‘Shout!’” The people marched around the city once, then camped outside the wall. For six days, they marched around the city.

On the seventh day, they marched around the city seven times. The priests blew the trumpets. Joshua said, “Shout!”

The people shouted. The trumpets blew. The wall fell down! The people captured the city. They gave all the silver, gold, bronze, and iron in the city to the priests for God’s work.

KIDS

Scripture: Joshua 6:1-21

Live It Out: Tell how Joshua and the people followed God’s instructions to conquer Jericho. Help your child search the Bible to find instructions God has provided for us to obey Him.

God told Joshua He was going to give the people the city of Jericho. Jericho was protected by strong walls.

God told Joshua to lead his army around the city of Jericho. They were to march around the walls one time a day for six days. God also said, seven priests, carrying trumpets of rams’ horns, should march in front of people carrying the ark of the covenant. God said, on the seventh day, everyone should march around the city seven times while the priests blow the trumpets. When they hear a long blast on the trumpets, everyone should give a loud shout. God told Joshua, the walls would fall down and the army could take the city.

The people followed God’s instructions. The army was able to capture the city, just as God said they would.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Exodus 20:7-11; Psalm 145:1-7

- How is God calling you to set apart time to honor Him?
- What are some obstacles that get in the way of our worship of God daily?
- When have you experienced God’s wondrous works and awe-inspiring acts?

Live It Out: Through the third commandment, God revealed that He expects His people to honor Him in the ways we speak about Him. This not only forbids our using God’s name as a curse word, but means that we are never to speak of God in a careless manner. In our culture, it is easily excused to dishonor God’s name through our words and actions.

Take some time with your family this week to confront any allowance of dishonoring God in your actions, attitudes, or words. Commit to holding each other accountable, and after a week, consider how your days were different when concentrating on keeping God holy in all things.