

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

QUARTER

Unit 1, Session 3

CONNECTION POINT:

Honor for parents is seen in our words and actions.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Family relationships can be hard. The saying, “You can choose your friends, but you can’t choose your family,” speaks of the difficulties that often occur within families. God calls us to rise above such conflicts, particularly in relation to our parents. In spite of how we may feel about our father and mother at any given moment, God calls us to always treat our parents with the honor He says they deserve.

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: 1 Kings 18:1-2,21-46

Live It Out: Remark that God can do amazing things. Name some things that people can do and things only God can do. Let your child guess what only God can do.

The rain had not come for three years. The people and animals needed food to eat and water to drink. God told Elijah to tell the king that He would send rain.

After Elijah told the king, Elijah and his helper went up to the top of a mountain. Elijah prayed. Elijah told his helper, “Go and look toward the sea.”

The helper looked but saw nothing. He told Elijah and Elijah said, “Go back.”

One, two, three, four, five, six times, Elijah told his helper to look. On the seventh time, Elijah’s helper said, “I see a small cloud coming over the sea. The cloud is the size of a man’s hand.”

Soon there were more dark clouds in the sky. Rain began to fall. Elijah ran down the mountain to the city.

KIDS

Scripture: 1 Kings 18

Live It Out: Review how God showed His power on Mount Carmel. Help her memorize the Weekly Bible Verse, 1 Kings 8:60. Pray, thanking God that He is powerful and the only God.

No rain had fallen in Israel for three years and there was famine. God told Elijah He would send rain. Elijah told King Ahab to meet him on Mount Carmel with the people of Israel and the prophets of Baal.

Elijah told the people to choose whom to follow, God or Baal. The prophets of Baal would build an altar, present a sacrifice, and call to Baal to send fire on the altar. Elijah would build an altar to God and ask Him to send fire.

After calling to Baal all day, nothing happened. When Elijah called out to God, He sent fire that consumed the altar, the sacrifice, and all the water Elijah poured on it. When the people saw it, they fell facedown and said, “The Lord, he is God!”

Soon after, rain began to fall.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Exodus 20:12; 2 Samuel 15:7-14

- What are some similarities between honoring your parents and honoring God?
- How does your desire to honor your parents impact your decisions?
- When have you seen God redeem a family from harmful patterns of sin?

Live It Out: God calls children to honor their parents throughout their lives as a reflection of honor and love for Him. Further, we are to demonstrate love toward all members of our families, including siblings, extended family, and those who God brings into our families as a result of fostering, adoption, or remarriage.

Your student is to show you love and honor at all times as God has commanded. This love and honor also extends to people of authority. How could you grow in showing love and honor to the leaders in your life? Consider ways you could intentionally love and honor them this week.