

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

QUARTER

Unit 1, Session 4

CONNECTION POINT:

Respect human life as God does.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Most people acknowledge the value of human life, but we don't all agree on what that means or who it includes. Our culture is divided over the value of unborn children, the elderly, and those who can't support or care for themselves. Others deem some lives are not valuable, which is reflected in racism, discrimination, and murder. God values all human life—He makes no exceptions—and we are to value life as He does.

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: Daniel 6

Live It Out: Sing these words to the tune “Are You Sleeping?”: *O, B, E, Y. O, B, E, Y. Obey God. Obey God. God helps me obey Him. God helps me obey Him. Every day. Every day.*

Daniel followed God. King Darius planned to make Daniel the top leader. The other leaders were unhappy. The men told the king to make a law that would not let anyone pray to God. If anyone broke this law, he would be put in the lions' den.

Daniel still prayed to God. The other leaders told the king. The king was upset that Daniel had to go into the lions' den. “May your God protect you,” the king said to Daniel.

The next morning, Darius rushed to the den and called out to Daniel.

Daniel said, “May the king live forever! God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths. They did not hurt me.”

Darius was happy that Daniel was safe! Darius wrote a law for all people to obey God.

KIDS

Scripture: Daniel 6

Live It Out: Talk about situations might face because of her beliefs. Remind your child that God is with her, just as God was with Daniel.

Daniel followed God. King Darius gave him an important job. The other leaders were jealous of Daniel and wanted to get rid of him. They talked the king into making a new law. For 30 days, no one could pray to anyone except the king. If anyone broke this law, he would be put into the lions' den.

Daniel still prayed to God. The officials saw him and told King Darius. The officials placed Daniel in the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve, rescue you!”

The next morning, the king hurried to the lions' den. He heard Daniel say, “May the king live forever.” God had sent an angel to protect Daniel. The king was happy! King Darius issued a decree that all the people worship the God of Daniel.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Exodus 20:13; 1 Samuel 26:7-11,22-25

- What are some ways our society devalues human life?
- How would you explain the truth that God is the ultimate authority over all life?
- How can believers speak up for those whose lives have been devalued by the world?

Live It Out: All people are created in God's image as male and female and are infinitely valuable. Our lives are a gift from God. The command not to kill also includes the call to honor all human life as God does. God values life so much that He sent Jesus to give His life that ours may be spared.

How are you showing others that you value human life? Consider ways your family can take an active stand by volunteering with an organization in your community to help your friends and neighbors.