

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

QUARTER

Unit 1, Session 5

CONNECTION POINT:

Physical intimacy is reserved for one man and woman within the covenant of marriage.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Many in our society no longer value the traditional, biblical view of marriage as a monogamous, life-long covenant between a man and woman. Many applaud the redefining of marriage as progressive and liberating. Yet it is only within a biblical marriage that couples experience the highest joy, unity, and security. Such God-centered marriages also provide the ideal environment for raising children.

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: John 1:6-8, 28-42

Live It Out: Tell your child that Jesus is God's Son. This is a difficult concept for preschoolers to understand, but it is a foundation for building a faith that will grow with your child.

John was teaching people about Jesus near the Jordan River. When John was talking to Andrew and another man about Jesus, Jesus walked by.

"Look!" John exclaimed. "There's Jesus, God's Son!" Andrew and the man followed Jesus. Jesus turned around and saw them. In a kind voice, Jesus asked them, "What do you want?"

They said, "Teacher, where are You staying?" Jesus answered, "Come with Me and see." The men went with Jesus. They listened to Jesus and learned more about Him. They stayed with Jesus for the rest of the day.

Andrew left and found his brother, Simon. "We have met Jesus, God's Son!" Andrew told Simon. Andrew took Simon to see Jesus. Jesus said, "Your name has been Simon. Now your name will be Peter." Peter had a new friend, Jesus.

KIDS

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Jesus resisted temptation by quoting Scripture. Ask your child about temptations he faces. Help him learn Scriptures to respond to temptation.

After Jesus' baptism, God's Spirit led Him to the desert. He fasted for 40 days and nights.

Satan came and said, "If you are God's Son, change these stones into bread!"

Jesus answered, "It is written 'Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from God.'"

Satan took Jesus to the top of the temple. Satan said, "If you are God's Son, jump off."

Jesus answered, "It is written, 'Do not put God to the test.'"

Satan showed Jesus the kingdoms of the world. Satan said, "I will give You these if You bow down and worship me."

Jesus answered, "Go away, Satan! It is written, 'Worship God and serve Him only.'"

Satan left Jesus. Angels came care for Jesus.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Exodus 20:14; 2 Samuel 11:1-5

- How would you summarize our culture's view of adultery?
- As Christians, how should we deal with the temptation to sin?
- How can we make sure we view marriage and physical intimacy in ways that honor God?

Live It Out: God's plan for the family involves one man and one woman, who have different but complementary roles, committing to one another in a lifelong covenant relationship as a reflection of God's love for His people. The world certainly doesn't live by God's standards for love, sex, and marriage. We see this all around, including in music, movies, and other forms of entertainment, as well as in the lives of people we know.

Consider how you may be exposing yourself and your family to the world's way in terms of love, marriage, and sexuality. How can you commit to honoring the seventh commitment as a testimony to your lost friends and neighbors?