

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 2, Session 2

CONNECTION POINT:

Expect difficulty when you choose to follow Christ.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Since the earliest days of the church, each generation has wondered if it is the one that will experience the end times and the return of Christ. Such thoughts are based on the hardships and events experienced. Life can be difficult, but not every difficulty or catastrophe signals the imminent return of Christ. Whether or not what we experience is a sign of Christ's return, we can expect hardships simply because of our relationship with Him.

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 21:1-19

Live It Out: Say the Weekly Verse with your preschooler. Help your older preschooler make a Bible marker with the verse. Clap and say the verse with your younger preschooler.

After fishing all night, Peter, John, and others did not catch any fish. A man standing on the shore asked, "Did you catch any fish?"

When they said, "No," the man told them to lower their net on the right side of the boat. The fishermen obeyed. Their net was full of fish!

When John recognized Jesus, Peter jumped into the water and swam to shore. The other men rowed the boat, with the net full of fish.

On shore, they saw fish cooking on a fire and some bread. Jesus told them to bring some of their fish. They counted 153 fish!

"Come, eat," Jesus said. He gave them bread and fish. The men were happy to see Jesus.

Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love Me?" Peter answered yes. Jesus told Peter, "Follow Me."

KIDS

Scripture: Acts 1:4-11

Live It Out: Explain the importance of remembering that Jesus will return. Mention that Christians should tell others about Jesus so they also will know that Jesus will return one day.

Jesus told His disciples to stay in Jerusalem, and wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The disciples wanted to know what would happen in the future. Jesus told them only God knows the time of things that will happen in the future. Jesus said the most important was for them to tell all people about Him. The Holy Spirit would help them to be witnesses to people everywhere.

After Jesus spoke, He was taken up into the sky. The disciples watched in awe as a cloud took Him out of sight. They could not believe what just happened. As they were looking up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white clothes stood by them. "Men of Galilee," the two men said, "why do you stand looking into heaven? Jesus will return the same way, just as He promised."

STUDENTS

Scripture: Matthew 24:1-14

- Why are the specifics of the end times not necessary for us to know? Why might God not reveal all the details to us?
- What comforts does Jesus offer in these verses?
- What fears do you have about sharing the gospel? How might we help one another overcome these fears?

Live It Out: Jesus's followers have been called to proclaim the good news of the kingdom to all the world. However, we must know that it's not always going to be easy, and we will be met with resistance. Sometimes, we might be tempted to refrain from sharing about Jesus out of nervousness or fear. But when we recognize that what's at stake are the souls of people made in God's image, it helps us to move beyond the discomfort or fear.

When have you felt nervous or fearful when thinking about sharing the gospel? With your student, consider a few ways you can work to overcome those fears or anxieties.