

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 2, Session 5

#### CONNECTION POINT:

Jesus is certain to return even though we don't know exactly when.

#### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** For many of us, when we want to know something, we want to know it now! We want every blank filled in, every detail explained. When we don't know all the facts, we attempt educated guesses for what we don't know. History is full of times when medical treatments and military strategies were based on educated guesses. When it comes to the return of Christ, no educated guess will do. We can read the signs, but we have to trust God for the actual timing.

**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:** Acts 10

**Live It Out:** Review the Bible story. Say that many missionaries today travel to faraway places to tell people about Jesus. Read a book about missionaries with your child.

Cornelius loved God. Cornelius was praying and an angel told him to find a man named Peter.

Cornelius sent men to find Peter. When they found Peter, they explained what the angel had told Cornelius.

Peter and the men went to Cornelius' house. Cornelius was waiting with his family and friends.

Peter began talking to them. "God wants me to tell you that He loves everyone," Peter said. "God wants me to tell you about Jesus." Peter said that Jesus is God's Son. Peter told that Jesus taught people about God. Peter told about the good things Jesus did, like making sick people well.

Cornelius, his family, and friends listened to Peter. They believed everything Peter told them about Jesus. They loved Jesus, too.

## KIDS

**Scripture:** Acts 10

**Live It Out:** Talk about how Peter learned that God provided the Holy Spirit to the new Gentile Christians. If your child is a Christian, help her think of ways the Holy Spirit helps believers.

While Peter was resting on the roof of Simon's house, he had a vision. God sent the vision to help Peter know that nothing He made was unclean.

Men sent from a Roman soldier, named Cornelius, came searching for Peter. The Holy Spirit said to go with them.

Peter went to Cornelius' house with the men. Cornelius greeted Peter. A large group of people waited inside the house.

Peter realized his vision God sent meant that He wants all people to know the good news of Jesus, not just Jews. I told how Jesus lived, died, and rose again. Suddenly, the Holy Spirit came to each person who was listening. My friends and I were astonished since we thought only Jews could have the Holy Spirit. Peter baptized them in the name of Jesus Christ!

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Matthew 24:32-41

- How can the uncertainty of God's timing sometimes challenge our faith?
- When has God's Word proven true in your life?
- How can our attitudes and actions express trust in God's timing?

**Live It Out:** Jesus's return will certainly catch many people off guard. Until then, God is at work and chooses to use His people to warn others of the coming judgment and to share the good news of the gospel. In 1 Peter 3:9, we learn that the Lord is patient with us, wanting all to come to know Him. The reason God sometimes seems slow to us is due to His patience in carrying out judgment, instead allowing people who have rebelled against Him the opportunity to repent.

Read 1 Peter 3:9 with your student. Then list some specific ways you can show grace and patience toward the lost in order to help them understand God's goodness.