

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

### SPRING 2022

Unit 2, Session 7

#### CONNECTION POINT:

Grow in Christ as you wait for His return.

#### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** A lot of people place their faith in Christ, but never take the time to deepen their faith or walk with Christ. Following Jesus, though, is a lifelong journey of growing in Christ, one that we never fully complete in this life. Even when we sense the return of Christ might be imminent, we are to continue pursuing growth in Christ. We prepare ourselves for His return by faithfully and continually deepening 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:** 1 Peter; 2 Peter

**Live It Out:** Give your older preschooler a Bible of her own. Help her learn how to use the Bible. Help your younger preschooler turn the pages of Bible as you talk about Jesus.

Peter was one of Jesus' disciples. He knew that Jesus was God's Son. Peter learned many things about God. He learned how God wants us to live and make right choices.

Peter taught people about Jesus. He wrote some letters to the people he had taught. Peter wrote, "I am writing to you who love Jesus. I want to remind you about the things that Jesus did and said so that you will remember them. Remember that the words in the Bible are not people's words; they are God's words. You should love one another and follow what Jesus taught. Keep learning about Jesus. He is our example of how we should live. This will help us make right choices."

The people read the letters from Peter. God told Peter what to write. The letters Peter wrote are part of our Bible.

## KIDS

**Scripture:** 1 Peter; 2 Peter

**Live It Out:** Review the Bible story and the Weekly Bible Verse, 2 Peter 1:21. Help your child find other books in the Bible that are named after the writers guided by the Holy Spirit.

Peter wrote two letters to groups of believers, 1 Peter and 2 Peter. He began the first letter thanking God for the hope through the resurrection of Jesus. Peter reminded the people that their faith would grow because of their troubles. Peter explained that prophets who preached the gospel were led by the Holy Spirit and sent from heaven. He challenged the people to obey God, and follow Jesus in all things. Peter urged believers to be humble instead of proud.

In his second letter, Peter gave advice to people for living like Jesus. Peter warned against teachers who taught wrong things.

Peter encouraged believers to live good lives even if others did not. Peter reminded believers to pay attention to Scripture because the people who wrote it were helped by the Holy Spirit.

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:1-13

- How are we sometimes tempted to "fall asleep" as we wait for Jesus's return?
- What do these verses teach us about the need for individual readiness?
- What spiritual preparation do you need to make today in order to be ready for Christ's return?

**Live It Out:** Jesus could come back at any time, and as we wait for His return, we must devote ourselves continually to pursuing Him and growing in Christlikeness. These happen as we study Scripture, pray, worship, serve others, and gather with our church family, and all these are essential for being prepared for His return.

Jesus has called us not only to think about future weeks or years, but even about the next life. This week, have a conversation with someone who doesn't know Jesus about the future—days, weeks, years, and so on. Ask them about their views on the next life (after we die). Share the importance of being prepared for Jesus's coming.