

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 1, Session 4

CONNECTION POINT:

When you rely on God, your words reflect His character.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: “The pen is mightier than the sword.” No doubt we’ve all experienced the hurts and wounds that come from someone’s words. Too many marriages, friendships, and business opportunities have been ruined by poorly chosen words. It’s hard to cover up the wound simply by saying, “I didn’t mean that.” As followers of Christ, we are to say exactly what we mean, and what we mean needs to be consistent with our faith and love for Christ.

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 4:1-42

Live It Out: Talk about ways you and your family can show God’s love to other people. Consider taking food to a food bank or purchasing items to take to a homeless shelter.

Jesus and His disciples came to a town and stopped beside a well. Jesus’ helpers went into town to buy food. Jesus sat by the well to rest.

A woman came to the well to get water. Jesus asked, “Will you give Me a drink of water?” The woman was surprised Jesus talked to her.

Jesus told the woman things she had done. He told her about God’s love. Jesus said, “I am God’s Son.”

The woman was excited about the good news Jesus had told her. She hurried into town to tell people what Jesus had said.

The people went to the well to see Jesus. For two days Jesus taught the people. Many people believed that Jesus was God’s Son.

KIDS

Scripture: John 4:1-42

Live It Out: Explain that Jesus cared for the woman even though she was of a different race and culture. Discuss people your child knows to whom she could show God’s love.

Jesus traveled through Samaria. He came to a town named Sychar where He sat down by a well to rest. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus asked her for a drink. The woman was surprised because Jews usually did not speak to Samaritans. Jesus told her if she knew who He was, she would have asked Him for living water. Jesus helped the woman to understand that He knew everything about her, and He cared about her. Jesus told her He was the Messiah!

The Samaritan woman ran to tell everyone about Jesus. Many people came to see Jesus.

Jesus stayed in Samaria two more days, and many more people believed in Jesus because they heard for themselves that He is the Savior of the world.

STUDENTS

Scripture: James 3:1-5a,9-10,13-18

- What are some of the consequences of an uncontrolled tongue?
- Why is inconsistency in the ways we use our words such a big deal?
- How does heavenly wisdom differ from earthly wisdom?

Live It Out: Through Scripture, God spoke to His people, revealing Himself and the ways He’d have us live. The Holy Spirit inspired real-life people to write down God’s very words. Though Scripture has been completed, the Holy Spirit still works in the hearts and minds of God’s people to communicate His truths to others. Our words certainly don’t have the same authority as Scripture. Still, they matter a lot!

The church is to be known by the unity that exists among its members. There are few things that damage unity more than gossip. Make it a point never to speak negatively about others in your church (or anyone for that matter). Instead, choose to speak well of others.