

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 2, Session 5

CONNECTION POINT:

We display the truth and value of God's Word as we live it out.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Many Americans know what they need to do to improve their health and take better care of themselves; however, they never take the steps needed. Knowledge by itself is not enough; we must act on what we know. That principle is certainly true with the teachings of Scripture. We are to act on and obey the truths revealed in God's Word.

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: Genesis 41:28-57

Live It Out: After reviewing the Bible story, tell your child that she can follow God's plan. As a preschooler, God's plan for your child is to obey her parents and learn about Jesus.

Joseph had helped Pharaoh understand a dream about seven of famine. Joseph told Pharaoh to gather food during the good years for the years of famine.

Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of gathering and storing food. Pharaoh said, "God has made you wise. I want you to be in charge of my palace." He put Joseph in charge.

For seven years, Joseph traveled throughout Egypt. He worked hard to store extra food all around Egypt. He stored so much grain that he could not count it all!

When the famine came, people were hungry. They told Pharaoh that they needed food. Pharaoh said, "Joseph will tell you what to do."

Joseph opened the storerooms full of grain. He sold food to people. People came from everywhere to buy food from Joseph.

KIDS

Scripture: Genesis 41:28-57

Live It Out: Remind your child that Joseph listened to God and did what God said. Say Proverbs 3:5 together. Encourage your child to follow God's wisdom in all he does.

Joseph had told Pharaoh that a famine was coming. Joseph suggested that Pharaoh save and store food to take care of the people during the famine.

Pharaoh told Joseph, "God has made you wise. I want you to be second in command of all Egypt. Only I will be greater than you."

For seven years, Joseph helped the people gather extra food and place it in storehouses in each city. Joseph stopped measuring the grain because there was so much food.

After the seven years of abundance, a famine came to Egypt. The people asked, "What do we do?" Pharaoh said, "Go to Joseph and do whatever he says."

Joseph opened the storehouses of grain in the cities. He sold food to the Egyptians and to the other countries. The people had food because Joseph helped Pharaoh prepare.

STUDENTS

Scripture: James 1:19-27

- What role does humility play in obedience?
- What are some steps you've taken to become a doer of the Word?
- What are some consequences when our actions don't align with our words?
- What do your actions say about your beliefs?

Live It Out: James draws a line between genuine faith and counterfeit faith, and that line is the way a person lives. When we fail to obey Jesus, we have reason to question whether or not our faith is real. However, when we love and trust Jesus so much that honoring Him is a top priority, and, therefore, strive to obey Him, we can know that our faith is real.

We are saved by God's grace, which is a free gift, and called to live by faith. True faith doesn't stop at simply believing, but leads to a life of obedience. Ask your student where they may be struggling to obey God. Help them to confess those struggles and commit to following God in obedience.