

## WINTER 2022-23

Unit 2, Session 1

### CONNECTION POINT:

God values life and we should too.

### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** Are some lives more important than others? Our culture gives lip service to the value of life, but the way the unborn, disabled, and elderly are treated by society sends a different message.

Some people may not appear to be making a viable contribution to the world around them, but Psalm 139 points us to an all-knowing, all-loving God who values each one of us.

**LIVE IT OUT:** Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

## PRESCHOOL

**Scripture:** John 6:1-13

**Live It Out:** Print the words *Jesus Is God's Son* on a paper. Say that Jesus helped people because He is God's Son. Provide crayons or stickers for her to decorate the picture.

Jesus and His disciples sat on a mountainside. Many people who had heard about Jesus followed them. They knew Jesus helped people.

Jesus knew the people were hungry. Jesus' helpers knew that it would take a lot of money to buy enough food for everyone. Andrew, another disciple, brought a boy with 5 small loaves of bread and 2 fish.

Jesus said, "Tell the people to sit down." All of the people sat on the ground. Jesus took the 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. Jesus thanked God for them. Then Jesus broke the bread and fish into pieces to give to the people.

After the people ate as much food as they wanted, Jesus told His disciples to gather the leftover food. They filled 12 baskets with leftover food. Jesus had fed many hungry people!

## KIDS

**Scripture:** John 6:1-13

**Live It Out:** Find other examples in the Bible of miracles that Jesus performed. Explain that since Jesus was fully God, He did miracles. He wants us to believe He can still do miracles.

Jesus had been healing people who were sick, so a huge crowd was following Him, wanting to hear more. Jesus went up a mountain and sat down with His disciples.

Jesus knew the crowd needed to eat. He asked where they should buy bread for the people to eat. They thought it would cost much money to feed the people just a little. Andrew brought a boy that had five loaves of bread and two fish.

Jesus asked everyone to sit down, about 5,000 men with women and children. Jesus took the bread, gave thanks, and gave bread to everyone sitting. He did the same thing with the fish. He gave the people as much food as they wanted.

Afterward, Jesus asked the disciples to collect leftover food. The disciples filled twelve baskets with the food.

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Psalm 139:1-10,13-16

- How does it affect you to know that God cares for you?
- How does knowing God is with you provide comfort?
- Where do you see evidence in today's world that people are "remarkably and wondrously" made?

**Live It Out:** God created humanity in His image. He set His love on every person, and we're all incredibly valuable in His sight. It doesn't matter a person's age, the color of their skin, the struggles they face, what they believe, or anything else—all people matter to God. And they should matter to us. Therefore, we should choose to love all people and seek God's blessings upon their lives.

Ask the Lord to search your heart and reveal any areas where you have thought less of others, perhaps because of physical appearance, intellectual capacities, social differences, or age. Confess this attitude to the Lord, and ask Him to help you see others as He sees them.