

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

### SUMMER 2023

Unit 1, Session 2

#### CONNECTION POINT:

Mentor and disciple those who come after you.

#### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** Training up the next generation comes naturally to parents and those with little children. Many people grow into adults having learned good life skills from their parents, but they lack the guidance to follow Christ well. While pastors, church leaders, and Bible study leaders can play a key role in discipleship, every believer has a role to play in guiding someone younger to grow in 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:** Jeremiah 36

**Live It Out:** Review the Bible story. Find other books named for the people who wrote them such as Daniel, Matthew, Luke, and John. Say these people wrote God's words in the Bible.

God told Jeremiah, "Take a scroll and write the words I tell you."

Jeremiah asked his helper, Baruch, to write the words. Baruch wrote on the scroll all the words God spoke to Jeremiah. Baruch went to the temple and read the scroll to help the people know God's words.

A king's helper told the king about the scroll. The king wanted to hear the words. When the king's helper read the scroll, the king cut the scroll into pieces and threw it into the fire.

God told Jeremiah to get another scroll and write the words about how to live. Baruch helped Jeremiah write the words from the first scroll again and write many more words. These words from the scroll are in our Bibles today. They help us learn how to live.

## KIDS

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 36

**Live It Out:** Read together 2 Timothy 3:16. Discuss with your child how God inspired many people to write the books of the Bible. Use a concordance to learn about other authors.

God directed Jeremiah to write down everything God told him. Jeremiah called his scribe, Baruch, to write down the words God spoke. Jeremiah told Baruch to read the scroll aloud at the temple so that the people would turn from their evil ways. But the people did not respond.

The princes of Judah summoned Baruch to read the scroll to them. When they heard the words of God in the scroll, they knew King Jehoiakim needed to hear them, too.

King Jehoiakim was sitting by a fire when the scroll was brought to him. Each time part of the scroll was read aloud to him, the king would cut off that portion and throw it into the fire. The king commanded the arrest of Baruch and Jeremiah, but the Lord hid them.

God told Jeremiah and Baruch to write His words again. God's Word cannot be destroyed.

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Numbers 27:12-23

- What steps will you take to make sure you focus more on the future than on the present?
- What qualities does God look for in a leader?
- Why can it sometimes be difficult to entrust others with responsibility?

**Live It Out:** Joshua served under Moses from their earliest days in the wilderness, and Moses was very intentional about investing in the young man, including teaching Joshua the law and encouraging him to grow day by day. As God's people, we are called to invest in others in the same way, as community is essential to growing in our faith.

One way we can invest in others is through encouragement. Write a note or send a text encouraging a friend who has been growing in their faith and serving others well. Acknowledge how you've seen them growing in their relationship with the Lord. Then, challenge your teen to also write a note to a friend that could use encouragement and the acknowledgment of the steps they have taken to better walk with God.