

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 1, Session 4

CONNECTION

POINT: Encourage others to follow God's leadership—no matter the cost.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Following Christ and being obedient to Him is not always easy, and the growing antipathy the world feels towards Christians adds to that challenge. Christians stand better when we stand together. When we take the opportunity to mentor someone, our presence, words, and example can be a great benefit and encouragement as they live for Christ in an antagonistic world.

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: Acts 16:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:1-5; 3:14-17

Live It Out: Play a game about right and wrong choices with your child. Name some things your child may be tempted to do. Comment that the Bible helps us know what is right.

Paul was a missionary. He traveled many places and told people about God and Jesus.

On one trip, Paul met a young man named Timothy. Timothy loved God. Paul asked Timothy to help him tell others about Jesus.

Timothy and Paul told many people about God and Jesus. They helped start new churches so more people could learn what the Bible says.

Later, Timothy left Paul. Paul wrote Timothy a letter. Paul wrote: "I remember how much you love God. I thank God for your mother, Eunice, and your grandmother, Lois, who taught you about God. Since you were a child, you have learned from the Bible. All that the Bible says is from God. The Bible tells us what God wants us to do, teaches us how to live, and helps us make right choices. Keep doing what the Bible says."

KIDS

Scripture: Acts 16:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:1-5; 3:14-17

Live It Out: Review the Bible story and read some of what Paul wrote about living a Christian life. Discuss how your family is being successful in following God's directions.

Paul visited places he had shared the good news of Jesus and started new churches. When Paul arrived in Lystra, he met a young man who loved the Lord named Timothy. Paul asked Timothy to join him on the rest of his journey visiting churches.

Several years later, Paul was imprisoned in Rome. While in prison, Paul wrote a letter to Timothy who was leading one of the new churches the two men had visited. Paul promised to pray for Timothy every day. He also wrote that it brought Paul joy to think about how much Timothy loved the Lord and how Timothy's mother and grandmother had helped Timothy grow in his faith. He encouraged Timothy to stand firm in that faith and in the Word of God because God's Word teaches Christians everything that they need to know to live a Christian life.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Esther 2:5-7; 4:8-17

- Why did Haman hate the Jewish people so much? When have you seen or heard of hatred or discrimination being passed down through generations?
- When has God called you to take a risk to do what was right?
- How does your life show that you live with continual dependence upon God?

Live It Out: Jesus said that if we follow Him, we will be rejected by the world in the same ways He was. Spend time this week thinking about how you are prepared to face rejection or hostility for your faith. How would you describe your willingness to remain faithful through persecution?

Our communities, states, nation, and beyond desperately need spiritual renewal. Commit to praying every day for the brokenness you see around you. With your family, create a list of specific people or issues you will pray for and commit to a set time every day to pray for these things.