

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

### SUMMER 2023

Unit 1, Session 5

#### CONNECTION POINT:

Expect mentoring relationships to change over time.

#### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** Most relationships change over time. A father's relationship with a son changes as the son moves from childhood to adulthood. Close friendships change as both parties move into different stages of life. While the love Christians are to have for one another is to remain constant, how we work or interact together can change. A mentor relationship is no exception. As the one we're discipling grows in his own walk with Christ, God will often take his ministry in a different direction.

**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:** 1 Kings 6; 8

**Live It Out:** Talk about what your child does at church. Give him paper and crayons to draw a picture of his favorite thing to do at church. Pray and thank God for your church.

King Solomon wanted to build the temple in Jerusalem. The temple was a place for people to worship God. King Solomon built the temple exactly like God wanted.

After the temple was built, King Solomon planned a celebration. Many people came to see this temple.

The church priests carried the ark of the covenant into its place in the temple. The ark of the covenant was a large gold box that held the Ten Commandments.

King Solomon prayed to God and praised Him. He thanked God for the new temple. He thanked God for always keeping His promises. He asked God to help the people obey Him. The king said the people were sorry for their wrong actions.

Everyone celebrated for two weeks. People were happy to have a place to worship God.

## KIDS

**Scripture:** 1 Kings 6; 8

**Live It Out:** Define *church* as a group of believers who worship together. Talk about ways your church worships God. Explain that worship is responding to God and what He has done.

God told King David that his son, Solomon, would build the temple. When Solomon became king, he began to build God's temple. He used stone, wood, and gold to build the temple. After seven years of work, the temple was complete.

Solomon gathered all the people to worship God at the temple. The priests the ark of the covenant inside the temple.

Solomon prayed to God. He prayed, "God, there is no God like you. You keep all your promises. You listen when your people pray. You forgive sin. You care for your people. You are the One True God."

Solomon blessed the people. He told them to obey God and keep God's commands. Solomon and the people celebrated for fourteen days. Then the people went home.

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Acts 9:26-28; 11:22-26; 15:36-40

- Why is sharing our faith such an important part of our relationship with Jesus?
- What practical steps can you take to grow from learner to leader?
- What can we learn from Paul and Barnabas about having healthy disagreement?

**Live It Out:** Barnabas and Paul weren't family in a biological sense, but they were both part of the family of God. At a certain point in their time together, Barnabas and Paul had a disagreement that led to their parting ways. It's important that we understand, however, that they didn't separate on bad terms. Though they didn't agree on every detail, they were able to maintain unity and a healthy respect for one another. God calls us to this same reality.

As humans with our own perspectives (and weaknesses), we won't always see eye to eye with others. This is especially true for your teens. Ask your teen if there is someone they have struggled to get along with. Create a list steps to make sure that when disagreements happen, it is in a healthy and respectful way that doesn't cause division.