

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 1, Session 6

CONNECTION POINT:

Focus your mentoring on growth in Christ and in His Word.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: It can be a bittersweet moment as a parent watches a child leave home to live on his own as an adult. A parent may miss the days when the son was young and dependent on him, but achieving adulthood is the ultimate goal of parenting. When we mentor and disciple, our goal is to lead those we disciple to a place of spiritual maturity. Mentoring is not about us, but about Jesus and leading those we disciple to follow, love, and obey Jesus.

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: 2 Chronicles 24:1-14

Live It Out: Help your child learn to be a giver. Give her money to give each Sunday. Remind your child that people at church give money to help the church do God's work.

Joash became king when he was only 7 years old. He was king for 40 years.

Joash obeyed God. While he was king, Joash decided to repair the temple. He led the people to bring their money, gold, and silver to help repair the temple.

The men made a chest and placed it outside the gate of the temple. The leaders and the people brought offerings and put them in the chest until it was full.

The money was used to pay the stonecutters who repaired stone walls. The money paid the carpenters who sawed, hammered, and nailed. It was used to pay metal workers called blacksmiths and coppersmiths. They repaired the metal in the temple and made new gold and silver items for the temple.

The workmen rebuilt God's temple. People could worship God there again.

KIDS

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 24:1-14

Live It Out: Encourage your child to give part of her allowances to church. Talk with her about what ministries of the church are supported by the offerings people give.

Joash was 7 years old when he became king. He was king for 40 years. Joash obeyed God.

Joash wanted to renovate God's temple. He told the church leaders to gather the offerings from the people to pay for the repairs. The church leaders did not tell the people to bring their offerings.

Joash made a chest and placed it outside the temple. He told the people to bring their offerings to God. The people filled up the chest. The leaders emptied the chest, and the people filled it up again and again with their offerings.

Joash gave the money to workmen. The workmen repaired the temple.

When they finished repairing the temple, they still had extra silver. They used the silver to make special tools for the temple. The people worshiped God in the temple.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Acts 16:1-5; 2 Timothy 2:1-2; 3:10-12

- Why is one-on-one learning so important, especially when it comes to growing in our faith?
- Why is a relationship of trust and openness such an important part of discipling others?
- How specifically will you invest in others and help them to grow in living out these values?

Live It Out: The gospel message contains the power to change lives, and God used Paul to carry the gospel to places far beyond Jerusalem. Because of the ways Paul invested in Timothy, he was also able to carry on the same gospel work. God is sovereign and He will accomplish His purposes in the world, and just as He used Paul and Timothy, God desires to use us today.

Churches are called to have a culture of discipleship, and this involves healthy mentoring relationships. Make sure that your teen has a mentor who is helping him or her to grow in their faith—this could you or another trusted adult. It's important to walk alongside others investing in them as Paul did for Timothy.