

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 2, Session 1

CONNECTION POINT:

God is holy and set apart from everything else in His creation.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Religions will use different words to describe God; many will have a skewed version of Him. The Bible identifies many attributes of God, but one cannot talk about God without acknowledging that He is the holy God. Some religions teach that we are all a part of God, but God's holiness means He is wholly set apart from us and everything else in His creation. A right understanding of God must begin with recognizing His holiness.

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 17:1-12

Live It Out: Help a younger preschooler turn the pages of the Bible. Point to words in the Bible for your older preschooler as you read verses. Talk about learning from the Bible.

Paul and Silas traveled to many cities telling people about Jesus. In one large city, Paul and Silas told the people that God sent Jesus. They said that Jesus was God's Son.

Some of the people listened carefully and were happy to hear about Jesus. Some men and women believed in Jesus. Others were very angry that Paul was teaching in their city.

Paul's friends sent Paul and Silas to another city called Berea. When they got to Berea, Paul and Silas went to the synagogue. They began to teach the people in Berea about God's plan.

The people in Berea listened carefully to what Paul and Silas said. Every day they looked in the Bible scroll to see if what Paul said was true. The words in the Bible were the same as what Paul said. The people in Berea learned from Paul and from the Bible.

KIDS

Scripture: Acts 17:1-12

Live It Out: Help your child find his favorite Bible stories in his Bible. Discuss the truth of these stories about real people. Pray with him, thanking God for the truth of the Bible.

Paul and Silas traveled telling people about Jesus. In the city of Thessalonica, Paul went to the synagogue on the Sabbath, the day of worship.

For three weeks, Paul taught the Jewish people in the synagogue about Jesus. Many people believed Paul's message including Gentiles and women who were leaders in the city.

Other Jewish people did not believe Paul's message. They began a riot in the city. They searched for Paul and Silas to arrest them, but they could not find them.

When it was night, the believers helped Paul and Silas escape from the city. They traveled Berea. They went to the synagogue to teach people the Scriptures. The people in Berea believed Paul's message. They were eager to hear God's Word. They studied the Scriptures every day. Many leaders in the city, both men and women, also believed God's truth.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Psalm 99:1-9

- What does it mean that God is holy? How specifically can we live to honor God's holiness?
- When have you experienced the peace that comes only from God?
- Why must we have a mediator to live in connection with God?

Live It Out: God is holy—this means He is high above us and perfectly righteous. A formal way of thinking of this reality is to say that God is “transcendent.” At the same time, God is “immanent”—which means He has come near to us. Though God is set apart, He isn't far and distant but has called us friends, sons, and daughters. We must be careful to honor God as Holy. At the same time, we must understand that God loves us.

Spend some time thinking about the moral attributes of God—His holiness, righteousness, justice, love, mercy, and wisdom. With your teen, consider how God demonstrate these in the ways He relates to His people and to the world. How can you reflect these attributes to the people around you in the ways you live?