

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 2, Session 2

CONNECTION POINT:

In Christ, we are dead to sin but alive to God.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Sin remains a struggle for believers. Even though we have trusted Christ and chosen to follow Him, the sin nature in us still tries to assert itself. As we grow in Christ, we learn to resist temptation, sin, and the persistent tug of the sin nature. By His death and resurrection, Christ has rendered sin and death powerless over us, so we must learn to live in that truth, no longer letting sin have control.

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 12:1-19

Live It Out: Help your child think of his friends that need help. Write a list and help your child pray and ask God to help his friends. Say that people at church pray for others.

The king put Peter in jail for telling about Jesus. Peter's church friends prayed for him.

Peter was asleep in the jail. An angel appeared and said, "Quick, get up." Chains fell off of Peter, and the gates were unlocked. The angel said, "Follow me." Peter obeyed and followed the angel. The angel led Peter into the city. Then the angel left.

Peter went to the house where his church friends were praying. He knocked. A girl named Rhoda heard Peter's voice. She ran to tell the others before she opened the door.

The people didn't believe that Peter was there. Peter knocked again and Peter's friends were surprised to see him. Peter told his friends how God had helped him. Peter thanked his church friends for praying for him. Peter left to go to another place.

KIDS

Scripture: Acts 12:1-19

Live It Out: Help your child name people for whom your family can pray. Include familiar people, but also other you do not know. Pray with your child each day.

King Herod arrested Peter and put him in prison because the king did not like people telling about Jesus. The church prayed for God to protect Peter.

The night before Peter's trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers. Suddenly a bright light woke Peter up. He saw an angel in the cell.

The angel said, "Quick, get up!" The Peter's chains fell off. The angel told Peter to get dressed and to put on his sandals. The angel said, "Follow me." Peter followed the angel. He thought he might be dreaming.

When the angel and Peter reached the city gate, the angel left. Peter knew that God had rescued him. When he reached Mary's house where the friends were praying, he explained what happened and how God rescued him. He thanked his friends and went to a safe place.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Romans 6:5-14

- How does sharing in Jesus's death and resurrection translate into our being free from sin?
- For Jesus's followers, why is there no reason to fear death?
- How does your life exhibit that sin doesn't rule over you?

Live It Out: God is holy, and no sin can enter His presence. That's bad news for you and me, because we have all sinned. Thankfully, Jesus died on the cross and paid the price for our sins, and when we identify with Jesus in His burial and resurrection, we are made dead to sin and alive in Christ.

God is good, but our world is broken, and we suffer the effects of the fall. Through Christ, we are given the opportunity to enjoy victory over sin and experience a life of purpose and meaning. It only depends on our living by the power of God. Consider whether you have been trying to live the Christian life by desiring the right things or simply by trying to do the right things. Ask God to help you to rely on Him to overcome sin.