

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 2, Session 4

CONNECTION POINT:

Living for Christ changes the way we think.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: The world encourages us to make a name for ourselves. When we come to Christ, realizing all He has done for us, we discover that life is not enriched by making much of ourselves but in making much of Jesus. As followers of Christ, our thinking changes as our thinking is “reset” to focus on Christ. We grow in our love and service to Christ by loving and serving others.

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: Matthew 5:1-2; 6:25-34

Live It Out: Talk with your child about the good things in your family. Say that God gives all good things, because He cares for people. Thank God for Jesus.

Many people were following Jesus to hear Him tell about God. Jesus went up a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came close to Him. He began to teach the people.

“Do not worry about what you will eat or drink,” Jesus said. “Look at the birds who fly in the air. They do not plant seed or grow crops. God feeds the birds. He takes care of them. God will take care of you, too.”

“And do not worry about what you will wear,” Jesus said as He pointed to the flowers growing nearby. “See these flowers? God makes the beautiful flowers grow. They do not work or make clothes. But they have what they need. You are much more important to God than flowers. God loves you more than the birds and flowers. So do not worry about food to eat or clothes to wear. God knows what you need. God will take care of you.”

KIDS

Scripture: John 14:15-26

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Read the Weekly Verse, John 14:26. Explain how the Holy Spirit guides Christians. Thank God for the Holy Spirit.

Jesus and His disciples were having their last meal together. Jesus told His disciples He would have to go away, but they did not understand what would happen soon.

Jesus told the disciples things to remember when He was no longer with them. He promised that He would ask His Father to send the Holy Spirit to be with those who believe in Him. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would teach them and help them remember what Jesus taught them. Jesus taught that the Holy Spirit will lead people to know what God says is true.

“Obey My commandments if you love Me,” Jesus said. He pointed out that whoever loves Him will be loved by both God and He. Jesus explained that He and His Father would always be with that person. Jesus also said that the one who doesn’t love Him will not obey His commands. Jesus told the disciples these words were not His, but were from His Father, God.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Romans 12:1-5,9-13

- How does God work in our lives to transform us to be like Jesus?
- Why is unity so important in the church? How are you pursuing unity with other believers?
- How can we live set apart lives while engaging with the world?

Live It Out: Growing in Christlikeness involves a change in thinking. Our hearts and minds are transformed as we continually grow, specifically in understanding and living out the truth found in Scripture.

With your teen, find a passage of Scripture to memorize this week about wisdom. Consider continuing the challenge and selecting a new passage each week to better fill your hearts and minds with the voice of the Lord. Pray that God would work in the coming weeks and years to align your thinking to His as you study His Word and pray.