

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 2, Session 5

CONNECTION

POINT: We grow in Christlikeness as we walk in truth and love.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: A common criticism of Christians is that we are hypocritical, judgmental, and unloving. Christians might disagree with that statement, but that is the perception of us by many outside the church. It is a sad indictment that can be offset when we live holy lives, set apart to Christ. Being holy does not mean a holier-than-thou attitude, but rather a lifestyle that is clearly marked by love and truth. When we walk like Christ, we walk in truth and love.

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: Luke 13:10-17

Live It Out: Give your child a toy doctor's kit to play with as you review the Bible story with her. As he doctors a toy doll or animal, say that Jesus made people well.

Jesus often taught in the synagogue. People would come to hear Jesus tell about God.

One day when Jesus was teaching people at church, He saw a woman there. She was bent over. For a long time, the woman had not been able to straighten. How sad she must have been.

Jesus wanted to help the woman. He called for the woman to come to Him. When the woman got to where Jesus stood, He told her that she was well. Jesus touched the woman with His hands, and immediately she could stand up straight! Jesus had made her back well.

The woman was so happy! She had been bent over. Now she could straighten her back and stand up tall. The woman thanked Jesus for making her well. Many people at church were happy about what Jesus had done.

KIDS

Scripture: Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-60

Live It Out: If your child has been a Christian for a few years, help him learn how to share the plan of salvation with a friend. Remind him that he will be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Stephen preached about Jesus. Some people didn't like what he was saying. When men told lies about Stephen, people believed the lies and became angry. They took Stephen before the Jewish leaders.

When asked if these accusations were true, Stephen began to preach a sermon about Jesus. He told how God was with Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David and others. He explained that even though they knew God's law, the Israelites disobeyed God. He said the Jewish leaders were like the Israelites. He said they murdered Jesus. The leaders became furious.

Then Stephen gazed into heaven. He saw Jesus standing at God's right hand. When Stephen told the people what he saw, the crowd angrily stoned Stephen! Stephen asked God to forgive them, and he died.

STUDENTS

Scripture: 2 John 1-9

- How do truth, love, and obedience help protect us against the dangers of false teaching?
- How did Jesus show His love? How do you love others in this spirit?
- Why is it so important that we believe the truth as Jesus taught it?

Live It Out: God transforms us into the likeness of Jesus, not only when we study the Scriptures and grow in understanding, but when we further live out the things we learn. As followers of Jesus, we are called to know Him and to live like Him.

Being set apart to reflect Jesus can be summarized in the following three actions: truth, love, and obedience. With your teen, consider how you are living out each of these actions. Challenge yourself to also create some ways you might further grow in truth, love, and obedience.