

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

### SUMMER 2023

Unit 2, Session 7

#### CONNECTION POINT:

Step in to keep a bad situation from getting worse.

#### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** We are usually advised to “keep our noses out of other people’s business,” but as members of the body of Christ, we are to love and work for the benefit of others. How do we respond when we see someone on the verge of a poor action or decision? The easy path is to say, “It’s none of my business,” but we should consider what love would compel us to do (Eph. 4:15). Christ lovingly confronts and helps us, and we are to follow His example and lovingly help others reconcile.

**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:** Mark 4:35-41

**Live It Out:** Print *Jesus told the wind and sea to be still. Mark 4:39* on a sheet of paper. Tell the Bible story as your child decorates the paper. Say Jesus is God’s Son.

A crowd of people had gathered near the lake. Jesus sat in a boat and spoke to them. The people sat on the shore and listened to many stories that helped them learn about God.

Later, Jesus said, “Let’s go across the lake.” They left the crowd and sailed toward the other side. Jesus went to the back of the boat so He could rest. He went to sleep on a cushion.

While Jesus was sleeping, a big storm came up. Wind and waves rocked the boat. Water splashed into the boat. The disciples were afraid. They called, “Jesus! Wake up! We’re in danger!”

Jesus stood up. He told the wind and the waves to be still. The wind stopped! The waves became calm and still! The disciples were surprised that Jesus had stopped the storm.

## KIDS

**Scripture:** Ephesians 6:10-20

**Live It Out:** Review parts of “armor” that Paul mentions. Help your child cut paper into a shield shape. Then tell her to write Ephesians 6:13 in the center of the shield and decorate it.

Paul wrote a letter to the Christians in Ephesus, encouraging them to live in ways that honor God. Paul talked about ways that would help Christians obey God and battle evil. He compared these tools to the armor that a soldier would use in battle. God’s armor will help a Christian stand strong.

Paul wrote to stand with truth like the belt a soldier would wear; put on righteousness like a breastplate of armor; put on sandals, like a soldier would wear, to go and tell the gospel; take the shield of faith to block the evil one; put on the helmet of salvation; take the sword of the Spirit, God’s Word.

Pray always with the Holy Spirit’s help. Stay alert! Pay attention! Pray for other Christians. Remember that God is strong and mighty and will help Christians be strong.

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 25:14-17, 23-28, 32-35

- When are you tempted to react with anger, rather than reflecting God through intention, patience, and grace?
- How can we know when it’s appropriate to go against cultural standards?
- How accomplished are you in exercising discernment, boldness, and humility? Where do you have room to grow?

**Live It Out:** Jesus sits at God’s right hand and continually intercedes for believers as our advocate, mediator, and high priest. In doing so, we are protected from the consequences we rightly deserve because of our sin.

Consider any non-believing friends or neighbors who need to hear the message of Jesus’s saving grace. As a family, pray for opportunity to help them understand the consequences of their sin with discernment and humility. Share that Jesus desires to give them the gift of salvation, protecting them from the consequences of their disobedience.