

SUMMER 2024

Unit 2, Session 1

CONNECTION

POINT: Leaders don't lead without the help of others.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: When we think of great inventions or innovations, certain names come to mind: Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, or Steve Jobs. But these men did not accomplish what they did on their own; they had many who worked alongside them. Not everyone carries the title of leader, but we can all contribute. Many times, our greatest service to God is in helping and supporting those in leadership positions.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: 2 Kings 22:1–23:3

Live It Out: Print *Obey God and follow God's commands. Deuteronomy 27:10* on a paper. Read the verse together. Give your child crayons to decorate the page.

Josiah was eight years old when he became king. Even though he was only a boy, he loved God and wanted to obey Him. Josiah grew to be a man and still obeyed God.

The temple needed to be cleaned and repaired. King Josiah told a helper, "Tell Hilkiah to give money to carpenters, builders, and stone masons to repair the temple."

The workers found a Bible scroll. Hilkiah gave the scroll to one of the king's helpers. The helper read words from the Bible scroll. When King Josiah heard the words, he was upset. He tore his clothes. "The words of this Bible scroll tell us what God wants us to do," Josiah said. "We have not been doing these things."

King Josiah called the people to the temple. The people listened to the words from the Bible scroll. King Josiah and the people promised they would do the things God wanted.

KIDS

Scripture: Luke 4:16-22

Live It Out: Use the Daily Bible Readings to read other Scriptures that tell that Jesus came to be the Messiah. Pray with your child, thanking God for sending Jesus to be the Savior.

Jesus returned to Nazareth, the town where He grew up. On the Sabbath, Jesus entered the synagogue and stood to read. The synagogue helper handed Jesus the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus unrolled the scroll and began to read aloud the words that Isaiah wrote hundreds of years before.

When Jesus finished reading the scriptures, He rolled up the scroll and gave it to the helper in the synagogue. He sat back down. Everyone was watching Jesus.

Jesus told the people that He was the Promised Messiah which Isaiah wrote about.

Many of the people who heard this, spoke well of Jesus but some people whispered "Isn't He the son of Joseph?"

STUDENTS

Scripture: Exodus 17:8-13; 24:13-15

- When have you felt overwhelmed by endless problems?
- Why is it so important for leaders to be surrounded by people who share the load?
- How can we know that God will take care of His people?

Live It Out: God's people are called to live in community, and because each person is uniquely made, it's important that we use our gifts to serve one another. Some are called to teach and lead, and others serve from the background. Every role is important, and the church functions in a healthy way only when all members use their gifts.

For the church to function well, everyone must do their part. Leaders depend in a big way on church members' exercising their gifts. How is your family regularly serving in the church? If you are not contributing to the health of the church, consider your gifts and talents and discern ways you can each provide support.