

SUMMER 2024

Unit 2, Session 2

CONNECTION POINT:

Your service to God is valuable, no matter who gets the credit.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: The world around us encourages us to “toot our own horns.” Many do not feel valued if they’re not recognized for their work. However, if you’re doing what God wants you to do, what you’re doing is valuable. Whether they are tasks and responsibilities at a job, in your family, or through your church, your work and service matters.

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

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Luke 4:16-22

Live It Out: Open the and show your child the different books of the Bible. Say that the whole Bible tells about Jesus. Talk about favorite stories about Jesus.

Jesus was in Nazareth, the town where Jesus lived with His family when He was a boy.

Jesus went to the synagogue in Nazareth. He stood where everyone could see Him. A church helper handed Jesus the scroll of Scriptures.

Jesus carefully unrolled the scroll. He began to read from Isaiah: “God sent Me to tell people the good news about Him. God sent Me to help people.” Jesus rolled up the scroll. He gave it back to the church helper and sat down.

Everyone was watching Jesus. Jesus looked at the people and said, “The words I read in the Scriptures tell about Me.”

The people knew Jesus had grown up in Mary and Joseph’s family, but they did not know that Jesus was God’s Son. The people were surprised at what Jesus said.

KIDS

Scripture: James 1:19-26

Live It Out: Help your child learn James 1:22. Emphasize the words doers and hearers. Use the Daily Bible Readings for further study on using the Bible for how to live.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Always be ready to listen first, then take your time before you say something that leads to anger. When a person is angry, they can’t live the way God wants them to.

Repent, be sorry, for your sin and believe the gospel, which is the good news of Jesus.

Listen to God’s Word instead of thinking you are too important to hear it. This pleases God.

It’s very important to do what God’s Word teaches, and not just hear the words. If you don’t obey what the Bible teaches, you are like a person who looks at themselves in the mirror but forgets what they look like.

When you choose to listen to God’s Word and do what it says, you will be blessed in what you do. Watch what you say so that your words please God.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Judges 4:4-8,12-16; 5:1-5

- Why do you think Barak was hesitant to obey what God had called Him to do? When have you been hesitant to obey God?
- When has God accomplished something in your life which seemed unlikely?
- Why is it so important to give glory to God when we experience success?

Live It Out: We are called to serve one another. Our service might be recognized by others, such as when we teach or lead music, but at other times, we will serve in secret and will never receive recognition. Whether others see or not, we can know that God uses our gifts and service to impact the church, and we can know that God sees and awards faithfulness.

This week, help your student to find some small tasks he or she can perform to help friends and neighbors in need of encouragement. These acts are not done for recognition but to simply help others. If they express their appreciation, share the reason you serve others is to reflect the goodness of God.