

SUMMER 2024

Unit 2, Session 3

CONNECTION POINT:

Serve with excellence even when that work is not appreciated by others.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Many of us have had the unfortunate experience of working for an employer, boss, or supervisor who was a poor leader. Whether they tried to take credit for your work or sabotage your good efforts, work in that environment could be discouraging. Many respond in kind, attempting to discredit the boss or ceasing to put much effort into their assignment. God calls us to a higher standard.

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

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: John 6:1-15

Live It Out: Write the words *Thank You, Jesus* at the top of a paper. As your child draws pictures of things she needs, tell her that Jesus loves her and helps her.

Jesus and His disciples were sitting on a mountainside. Many people followed them. The people were listening to Jesus teach.

Jesus knew the people were hungry. Jesus asked about buying food for everyone, a helper said that it costs too much money.

Andrew brought a boy with five small loaves of bread and two fish to Jesus.

Jesus told His disciples, "Tell the people to sit down." All of the people sat on the ground. Jesus took the five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus thanked God for them. Then Jesus broke the bread and fish into pieces to give to the people.

The people ate until they were full. Jesus told His disciples, "Gather the leftover bread and fish." They filled 12 baskets with food. Jesus had fed many hungry people!

KIDS

Scripture: Matthew 8:1-15

Live It Out: Tell your child that Jesus could heal all illnesses. Jesus can heal people because He has power over sickness. Choose an ill person to pray for, visit, send a card, or call.

A man with a terrible skin disease came to Jesus. The man knelt down before Jesus and asked to be healed. Jesus reached out His hand and said, "Be made clean." Right away the man's skin disease was gone!

Jesus went to another town. A centurion came to Jesus to tell Jesus his servant was ill. Jesus asked, "Do you want me to come heal him?"

The soldier said, "When I command soldiers, they obey. If you speak, he will be healed."

Jesus said, "I find great faith in you. Go home. What you believed will be done." The servant was healed from that very moment!

Jesus went to Peter's house. Peter's mother-in-law had a fever. Jesus touched the woman's hand and the fever left her. The woman got up and began taking care of Jesus.

STUDENTS

Scripture: 1 Samuel 18:5-16

- Why did God choose David to be king of Israel?
- When have you struggled with feeling jealous or resentful of someone else's success?
- When have you seen God bless someone in unexpected ways, or even in ways that didn't make sense?

Live It Out: When we come to faith in Christ, the Holy Spirit takes up residence in our lives and gives each believer a unique gift intended for building up the church. We are called to exercise our gift as a matter of faith and obedience to God, and when we do, God will use us to make a difference in the lives of others.

When Jonathan heard David's words to Saul, his heart was bound to David, and they grew to love one another as close friends. Share with your student a time when you supported a friend in need of help. Challenge him or her to consider a friend who may be in need of similar support and how he or she can help.