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Unit 1, Session 1

CONNECTION POINT:

Apart from God, life is meaningless.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: The world claims a lot of things will give us security, happiness, and a sense of well-being. Chase any one of these, though, and we discover they fail to deliver. We're still left with a feeling of futility. Solomon made that discovery centuries ago, but it's not the end of the story. When God is in the picture, we see life from an infinitely better perspective.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Numbers 13–14

Live It Out: Write Do what is right. 2 Corinthians 13:7 on a paper. As your child decorates with stickers, say the verse. Say that she can make right choices like Joshua and Caleb.

God promised His people a new home in Canaan. God told Moses to choose 12 men to go look at the land. Joshua and Caleb were two of the men.

The men traveled into Canaan and looked at many towns. They gathered fruit from the land, grapes, pomegranates, and figs.

The men were gone for 40 days and returned to Moses. "We looked at the land, and it is good for growing food." The men showed the people the fruit they gathered.

Some men said, "The people in Canaan are strong. The towns have walls around them."

Caleb stopped the men and said, "We should go and take the land. We can do it."

Joshua and Caleb said: "The land is a good place to live. God will give us the land. Do not be afraid. God is with us and will help us. We should choose to obey Him."

KIDS

Scripture: Numbers 27:12-23; Deuteronomy 34:5-9; Joshua 1:1-9

Live It Out: Discuss the word obedience with your child. Ask her ideas on how to be obedient to God. Say that she can honor God with her obedience.

God invited Moses to go to the top of a mountain to see the land God had promised to give His people. God told Moses that he would not enter the land.

Moses asked God to select a new leader. God chose Joshua, who was full of the spirit of wisdom to lead the people.

Moses let the people know that Joshua was now the leader and they should follow him.

After Moses died, God commanded Joshua to cross the Jordan River and lead the people into the land promised to them. God told Joshua, "I will be with you and will not leave you."

God spoke to Joshua, "Be strong and have courage. Obey all my instructions and do not turn from them so that you may be successful wherever you go. Talk about my commands day and night. Do not be discouraged because the Lord your God is with you."

STUDENTS

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:1-14

- When have you wondered if life really has any meaning?
- How does our culture push us to find happiness in new things?
- In your own words, what is God's purpose for us?

Live It Out: God created all people with the purpose of living in relationship with Him and, in turn, reflecting His nature and character to the world around us. However, when we choose to live according to the world's values and in ways that aren't in line with God's commands, we fail to live out God's purpose for us. True meaning and fulfillment in life are found in knowing God and serving our neighbors.

God has called us, as followers of Jesus, to point others to Jesus, the One who gives our lives purpose. This week, have your family share the gospel with a neighbor or relative who isn't close to God. Help this person to understand the purpose God has for him or her.