

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

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Unit 1, Session 2

CONNECTION POINT:

God created us with purpose, but our sin keeps us from living it out.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: The purpose for which God created us is far greater than any purpose we might devise for ourselves. Unfortunately, we fall short of God's desire and plan for us because we have sinned; we are drawn to live for our own selfish ends. Only when we turn back to God and seek Him can we begin to live with purpose.

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

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Daniel 1:1-20

Live It Out: Obedience is hard for children to learn. Remember your child is a work in progress. By learning to obey parents, kids learn to obey God.

Daniel, with three of his friends was taken to Babylon. They were meant to live in the king's palace as servants.

The king wanted Daniel and his friends to eat the food from the king's table. Daniel and his three friends knew God would not want them to eat the kind of food the king ate.

Daniel asked the king's helper for vegetables and water. The king's helper was afraid Daniel and his friends would not be as healthy as the others.

Daniel asked for them to be tested for ten days. The king's helper agreed.

After ten days, Daniel and his three friends looked healthier than the other young men. The king's helper kept giving them vegetables and water.

God helped the young men learn. The king was happy with Daniel and his three friends.

KIDS

Scripture: Daniel 1:1-20

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Ask your child to name times obeying God seems hard. Help him think of ways to keep obeying God in those situations.

King Nebuchadnezzar took Daniel and three friends to Babylon. The king ordered them to have the same food that he ate. The young men would be trained to serve in his court.

Daniel wanted to obey God's laws. He knew the king's food was not what God wanted them to eat. Daniel asked the chief official if they could have vegetables and water instead.

The chief official was afraid the king would be mad if they were thinner than the others.

Daniel asked the guard to test them by letting them eat only vegetables and drink water for ten days. Then he could compare them to the others eating the royal food.

After ten days, Daniel and his friends looked healthier than the others.

God gave Daniel and his friends knowledge and understanding in everything they learned.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Psalm 8:1-6; 14:1-7

- When has nature helped you be more aware of God?
- When have you felt foolish?
- How does it impact you to know that God sees and judges?

Live It Out: God's purpose for humanity was that we would live in relationship with Him and reflect His goodness. Tragically, we chose to rebel and, therefore, all people have been cut off from a relationship with God because of sin. Sin certainly has consequences, but Jesus paid the price on the cross for us to be forgiven of our sin.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to live holy lives. When we do, we'll experience intimacy with God. However, when we choose to disobey, it interrupts the close fellowship with God we're called to enjoy. If we confess and repent, God will forgive and deliver us from our sins. Talk to your student this week and guide him or her to reflect on areas he or she may have allowed sin or disobedience to affect his or her relationship with God.