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Unit 1, Session 3

CONNECTION POINT:

Through Jesus, we can be forgiven and restored to the purpose for which He created us.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: A sense of purpose eludes so many in society, but even when people tie their purpose to faith, religion, or God, they still fall short. Sin remains a barrier to fulfilling God's purpose, but we are not in a position to correct the problem. Thankfully, God addressed the problem for us through Jesus. We regain our purpose when we respond with repentance and faith.

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

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

Live It Out: Practice saying Micah 4:2 with your preschooler. If your child is learning to read, write the words on cards and help her put the words in order.

Jesus and His disciples traveled to the town where two sisters lived. Mary and Martha were Jesus' friends.

Martha invited Jesus to come inside the house. Mary sat on the floor near Jesus. She listened carefully as Jesus talked. She wanted to hear everything Jesus said.

Martha did not sit down. She was busy in the house preparing food for Jesus to eat. Soon, Martha noticed that she was doing all the work. She said to Jesus, "I am doing all the work by myself. Don't you think Mary should be helping me? Tell my sister to help me."

Jesus said, "Martha, do not worry about what needs to be done. Mary is listening to Me, and that is very important. She has made the right choice."

Jesus loved His friends Mary and Martha. They loved Jesus, too.

KIDS

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

Live It Out: Does your child spend time with Jesus? Help her start by having a quiet time—reading the Bible and praying. Be an example for her to follow.

As Jesus and His disciples were traveling, they came to a village where a woman named Martha lived. Martha welcomed Jesus into her home, along with her sister Mary.

After Jesus came in, He began to teach the people gathered in Martha's home. Mary sat at Jesus' feet with the other people and listened to everything He said. But Martha was too busy getting things ready to serve Jesus and the others to sit down and listen.

Finally, Martha said to Jesus, "Lord don't you care that my sister is leaving all the work to me? Tell her to help me!"

Jesus answered, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but really only one thing is important. Mary has made the better choice. Her choice will never be taken away from her!"

STUDENTS

Scripture: Acts 3:14-26

- What does it mean to place faith in Jesus's name?
- How does it impact you to know that Jesus is coming again soon?
- Why is it so important for us to believe that Jesus is the only way to God?

Live It Out: Sin means specifically "to miss the mark." God has called us to aim our lives at the standard of perfect righteousness, and we've all fallen desperately short. The consequence for our sin is death, physically and spiritually. Thankfully, through Jesus's death on the cross, God has made a way for us to be forgiven of our pride and rebellion, and to be restored to our original purpose. If we confess our sins, He is faithful to forgive us.

Confess means specifically to agree with God about the ways we've offended His standards. We've all disobeyed God, and the only way to be forgiven is to take responsibility for the choices we've made. Read 1 John 1:9 as a family and take some time to discuss and pray on the ideas in this verse together.