

FALL 2024

Unit 1, Session 4

CONNECTION POINT:

We live out our purpose as we are led by and filled with the Spirit.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Often in society, the very wealthy seek to give greater meaning to their lives through good work and philanthropy. We applaud their generosity, but there is a greater good we do when we allow God Himself to empower us and work through us. He equips and empowers us to live daily with a purpose that reaps eternal benefits.

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

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Luke 18:18-23

Live It Out: Write the name Jesus on a paper. As your child draws on the paper with markers or crayons, talk about things Jesus did. Say that people should choose to love God and Jesus.

Jesus and His disciples were walking along a road. A young man ran up to Jesus and asked Jesus a question. He wanted to know what he should do to obey God.

Jesus told the young man, "You know what God has told us to do." Jesus reminded the man of some of God's rules: "Do not take things that belong to someone else. Tell the truth. Love and obey your mother and father."

The man said, "I have obeyed those rules since I was a small boy."

Jesus loved the man. He said: "You need to do one more thing. Sell everything you have and give the money to the poor people. Then, come with me."

The man was very rich. He did not want to sell everything he had and give his money away. The young man walked away, feeling very sad.

KIDS

Scripture: Luke 18:18-23

Live It Out: Talk about the consequence of the young man's choice to not follow Jesus. Remind your child that choices have consequences, and he should think about his choices.

A young ruler came to talk with Jesus. The ruler called Jesus a good teacher and then asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life.

Jesus answered that no one is good except God. Then Jesus said, "You know what the commandments say: Keep your marriage promises; do not murder; do not steal; do not lie; honor your father and mother."

The young ruler told Jesus that he had kept all those commandments since he was a boy. When Jesus heard this, he said to the ruler, "You are still missing one thing. Sell everything you have and give the money to those who are poor. You will have treasure in heaven. Then come and follow me."

When the ruler heard this, he became very sad because he was very rich.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Galatians 5:16-26

- Why do people sometimes think our problems disappear when we come to faith?
- Why are we tempted with sin, even after we come to faith?
- What do you think would happen if Christians were living out the fruit of the Spirit?

Live It Out: When we come to faith in Jesus, the Holy Spirit takes up residence in our lives and gives each person a gift that we are to use to build up the body of Christ, the church. To make this a reality, it is necessary that we refuse to live according to the flesh, and instead live every day in step with the Spirit and in obedience to God's Word.

The fruit of the Spirit demonstrates that God is at work in our hearts as we walk in step with Him. Further, the Spirit's work in our lives is seen in the ways we relate to others. As a family, take inventory on how well you are doing in the areas of patience, kindness, and goodness. How can you improve? Commit to intentionally showing each of these fruit of the Spirit to one another this week.