

## FALL 2024

Unit 1, Session 5

### CONNECTION POINT:

We fulfill our purpose as we serve others in love.

### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** It feels good to give to others. Even those steeped in our secular culture will acknowledge that, but serving under the power and direction of the Holy Spirit takes it to a whole new level. We experience joy when we serve as God wants us to serve; what we do in the name of Christ carries eternal benefits. Our purpose is experienced as we serve Christ through serving others.

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

## PRESCHOOL

**Scripture:** Matthew 9:9-13

**Live It Out:** Write Love one another. 1 John 4:7 on a strip of paper. Read the verse as your child uses markers to draw on the strip. When he is finished, tape the strip around his wrist.

Jesus had been busy teaching people and making sick people well. One day Jesus met a man named Matthew. Matthew was a tax collector. His job was to collect people's money.

Jesus wanted Matthew to be one of His disciples (helpers). Jesus told Matthew, "Follow Me." Matthew got up from his booth and went with Jesus.

Jesus and His disciples went to dinner at Matthew's house. Matthew invited some friends and other tax collectors to come to dinner and meet Jesus.

Some people who did not like Matthew saw Jesus eating with Matthew, his friends, and the tax collectors. "Why is Jesus eating with them?" the people asked.

Jesus heard what they said. Jesus told them, "I came to show love to everyone." Jesus was kind to Matthew's friends.

## KIDS

**Scripture:** Galatians 2:11-21

**Live It Out:** After reviewing the Bible story, help your child memorize Psalm 143:10. Say that learning God's Word in the Bible will help her make choices that honor God.

Paul wrote letters to churches to teach them more about Jesus. Paul wrote a letter to the church in Galatia to teach them about trusting in Jesus alone for salvation.

Paul told the church in Galatia about a time when Peter came to Antioch to visit him. Paul saw something that Peter did that was not right. Peter stopped eating with Gentiles. Peter was afraid of what the Jewish leaders would think of him if he ate with Gentiles. Peter began acting like the Gentile Christians were not Christians at all. Other Jews began to act that way, too. Barnabas, who was a missionary with Paul, stopped eating with Gentiles.

Paul taught Peter that he was wrong. Paul said, "The gospel is for everyone." Paul reminded Peter that we cannot be saved by doing good things. Jesus paid for our sin, Our relationship with God is made right when we trust Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Galatians 6:1-10

- Why is it important to belong to a church family?
- Why is it so important to encourage our leaders? What is one practical way you can do this?
- How is doing good for others tied to God's purpose for our lives?

**Live It Out:** Scripture teaches that everything good in our lives is from God (James 1:17), and that we are to manage these good gifts in ways that God is glorified and other people are blessed. As God's people, it is important that we use our gifts, talents, time, and resources to serve God and others.

God builds community within the church and among believers when we love, serve, and encourage one another. Who's someone in your church who has done good for your family? This week, write a note from your family thanking that person for the ways he or she has impacted you all.