

# FAMILY CONNECTION

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

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Unit 2, Session 2

### CONNECTION POINT:

Trust God when you're challenged over your rights or possessions.

### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** It's only natural that we seek what is best for us. When conflict enters a relationship, most of us want to preserve the relationship, but we're still going to look after our own interests. After all, "If I don't look after my own interests, who will?" Compromise can often be an option, but sometimes the best option is simply to put aside our own interests and let the other person "win." As a result, we can receive the greater benefit of preserving and even strengthening the relationship.

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

## PRESCHOOL

**Scripture:** Daniel 3

**Live It Out:** Review the Bible story. Say: "God can help us." Clap your hands together as you repeat the verse, saying it like a chant. Pray and thank God for helping people.

The king of Babylon made a gold statue. All people in Babylon came to see the statue.

The people were told to bow down and worship the statue when they heard music, or they would be thrown into a fire.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did not want to worship the statue. They wanted to only worship God. They did not bow down and worship the statue.

"God can save us," the men said. "But if He doesn't, we will not worship the statue."

The king had the men thrown into a fire. When the king looked into the fire, he saw four men, not three! They were not burned up.

The three men came out of the fire unharmed. The king knew God had saved them. He sent a message to all of Babylon about the things only God can do.

## KIDS

**Scripture:** Daniel 3

**Live It Out:** Talk about a difficult situation your child has faced lately and if she felt God's presence during that time. Help her write a prayer for facing adversity.

King Nebuchadnezzar made a decree that all people must bow down and worship a gold statue he made. If anyone did not, he would be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to follow the king's order. King Nebuchadnezzar gave orders for the three men to be brought to him.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego said, "God can rescue us from the furnace of blazing fire. If he does not rescue us, we will not worship the statue you set up."

Nebuchadnezzar commanded soldiers to throw the men in the furnace. The king looked in and saw four men in the fire!

The men came out of the fire unharmed. King Nebuchadnezzar praised God who Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego trusted in. He rewarded the three men.

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Genesis 13:5-11,14-18

- Why is it important that we handle disagreements with humility and in private?
- What steps can you take to make sure you consider both the costs and benefits to the choices you make?
- When have you seen God's faithfulness in your own life?

**Live It Out:** Lot showed little concern for what was best for Abraham and instead chose what he thought would be best for himself. Abraham, on the other hand, was willing to make sacrifices to serve Lot. We are responsible for every choice we make.

All people are imperfect. We will experience disagreements and conflict. Humility is key, and even when we feel like we're the ones who were violated, we can follow Abraham's example of how to address disagreements. This week, think of areas in your family where you may be experiencing conflict. Have each family member share steps they can take to make it right.