

FAMILY CONNECTION

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

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Unit 2, Session 6

CONNECTION POINT:

Forgiveness can lead to family healing and restoration.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Unforgiveness is one of the greatest roadblocks in the church and in family relationships. We cannot move forward to be the people and the family God calls us to be with resentment and unforgiveness weighing us down. When we make the first step toward reconciliation by forgiving—regardless of how hurt we are—we are on the road to reconciliation and strengthening the family.

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

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Genesis 1:26–2:24

Live It Out: Talk about things your child can do. Say that God made her able to do many things. Say the verse: “God placed the man in the garden to care for it. Genesis 2:15.”

God made the world. He made day and night, land and water, and plants and trees. God made the sun, moon, and stars. He made all the animals.

Then God said, “I will make man. He will be in charge of all the animals. He will take care of the plants I have made.” He named the man Adam.

The man lived in the garden of Eden. God told him to work and take care of the garden..

God brought the animals to Adam, and Adam gave each animal a name.

God decided the to make a helper for Adam. God made Adam and Eve different from the other things He made. He made them able to choose to love and obey Him.

Evening came, and the sixth day was done. On the seventh day, God rested. He created everything in six days!

KIDS

Scripture: Genesis 3

Live It Out: Help your child memorize Romans 5:12. Discuss the consequences of sin coming into the world. Jesus was God’s plan from the beginning to fix the problems with sin.

Adam and Eve lived in the garden of Eden. There was a serpent in the garden. The serpent asked Eve if God really said that she couldn’t eat from every tree in the garden. “We cannot from the tree in the middle of the garden, or we will die” she answered. The serpent told Eve “You won’t die. God knows you will be like Him, knowing good and evil.”

Eve made her choice. Eve took the fruit and ate it. She gave some to Adam who also ate it.

They were ashamed and sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves; they were naked.

Adam and Eve hid from God in the trees. God called out to Adam, “Where are you?”

Adam admitted to eating the fruit, but he blamed Eve. Eve blamed the serpent.

God punished the serpent, Adam, and Eve. He make clothing from animal skins and sent them away from the garden.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Genesis 42:3–5,21–24a; 45:1–5

- In practical ways, how did God use Joseph’s sufferings for good?
- What are the consequences of holding on to anger?
- Why is it important, especially when things are hard, that God works all things for good for His people?

Live It Out: Because we live in a broken world, and because we all have our own struggles and weaknesses, we will experience conflict and pain in relationships. But there’s good news—God has not only made a way for us to be reconciled to Him, but He’s also called us to work toward restoring the relationships in our lives.

It’s hard to forgive others, even if we know we’ve been forgiven by Jesus. As a family, search for verses on forgiveness and choose one that resonates with everyone. Make it your phone’s lock screen wallpaper and encourage your student to do the same so he or she can reflect on it throughout the week.