

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 1, Session 3

CONNECTION POINT:

Jesus works in ways that go beyond our expectations.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: We make assumptions every day. We assume the car sitting in the left turn lane will turn left. We assume the food being served was properly prepared. We also make assumptions about how God works. Usually, these assumptions are based on what we want or expect. We assume we know how God works. Jesus, however, paints a far better and more accurate picture of how God works.

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

FAMILY CONNECTION

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

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: 1 Peter; 2 Peter

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Help your child find other books of the New Testament that are named after people who wrote God's words in the Bible.

Peter was a friend and disciple of Jesus. Peter taught people about Jesus. He wrote some letters to the people he had taught.

Peter wrote, "I am writing to you who love Jesus. I want to remind you about the things that Jesus did and said so that you will remember them. Husbands and wives should love each other. We should obey the leaders and laws of our government. Let others see you doing good things. Love one another and obey the truths that Jesus taught. Remember that the words in the Bible are not people's words; they are God's words. You should love one another and follow what Jesus taught. Keep learning about Jesus. He is our example of how we should live. This will help us make right choices."

The people read the letters from Peter. The letters Peter wrote are part of our Bible.

KIDS

Scripture: 1 Peter; 2 Peter

Live It Out: Remind your child that people wrote all the books of the Bible, and they were guided by the Holy Spirit when they wrote. Name other books named after people.

Peter wrote letters to encourage groups of believers who were being punished because of their faith in Jesus. These letters are 1 Peter and 2 Peter in the Bible.

Peter thanked God for the hope believers have through the resurrection of Jesus. He told people to live holy lives, to love one another, and to obey authorities, and to be kind.

Peter knew the believers had trial, and he explained that suffering would grow their faith. He told believers not to be greedy, but to be humble.

Peter explained that prophets who preached the gospel were led by the Holy Spirit, and warned against false teachers.

Peter stated that Jesus promised to return one day. He told them to be ready for His return. People read Peter's letters. They are in our Bible today.

STUDENTS

Scripture: John 5:1-11, 17-20

- In what ways do you identify with the disabled man in this story?
- When have you experienced someone being critical or complaining rather than celebrating?
- Where do you see God's power at work around you and in your own life?

Live It Out: The lame man struggled with his disability for thirty-eight years and had no one to help him. Scripture is clear that all people are made in God's image and have indescribable value. As Jesus's followers, we are called to love and serve our neighbors in ways that represent God's love.

When Jesus healed the disabled man, those who were truly seeking the kingdom had their eyes opened to the truth. It's likely that there are people seeking the kingdom in your community, and God would work to open their eyes if they heard the truth. This week, serve a neighbor together as a family and tell this individual the truth about Jesus.