

FAMILY CONNECTION

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

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Unit 1, Session 6

CONNECTION POINT:

Bold faith helps advance the kingdom of God.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Culture treats faith as an individual, private matter. In fact, many in society want one's faith to remain private and unspoken. However, life-transforming faith in Christ cannot be hidden. It pours out and saturates every part of life. A life of faith in Christ is seen and heard. Moreover, a life of faith can be contagious. As we live out our faith, we help others see Christ and place their faith in Him.

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

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Genesis 13

Live It Out: Make a kindness chart for your child. Write ways your child can show kindness to family members. Let your child put a sticker on the chart any time she she is kind.

Abram and Lot each lots of animals. They had helpers who cared for the animals.

The helpers began arguing. There was not enough grass and water for the animals.

Abram heard the helpers fighting. He knew it was wrong for the helpers to be arguing.

Abram knew the family should work together. Abram decided to talk to Lot.

Abram told Lot to choose the land where he wanted to live. Abram said he would take the other land. This way they would both have plenty of grass for their animals.

Lot chose the grassy land by the river. He moved his family, helpers, and animals to the land next to the river. Abram took his family, helpers, and animals and moved to other part.

God was happy Abram chose to get along with Lot and He made Abram a special promise to bless Abram's family for a long time.

KIDS

Scripture: Genesis 37; 41:53–42:38

Live It Out: Review how Joseph helped his family. Help your child think about ways his parents and other adult family members help him. Talk about ways he can help his family.

Jacob had many sons. His older sons were jealous of , Joseph the youngest. Joseph's brothers sold him to travelers who were traveling to Egypt. Jacob thought his son had died, but Joseph lived many years in Egypt.

God warned Joseph about a famine. Joseph prepared for the famine for seven years. Joseph saved wisely. There was much food to buy in Egypt. People in Egypt and other countries came to Joseph to buy food. The famine was severe in every land.

Jacob heard about grain in Egypt, so he sent his sons to Egypt. They did not recognize Joseph. Joseph decided to test his brothers. He told them to return with their youngest brother.

The brothers returned home. When they found their money in the grain bags, they were afraid. Jacob did not want them to return to Egypt with Benjamin.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Acts 6:3-15

- Why was it important for the disciples to devote themselves to prayer and the Scriptures?
- Why are God's Word and prayer essential in the lives of every believer?
- When have you faced opposition because of your commitment to Jesus?

Live It Out: Stephen lived boldly for Jesus, even at the cost of His life. God's calling for the church today is the same—that we carry on the mission of Jesus, even when it might cost us a great deal, knowing that the Spirit is in us and strengthens us to live well.

When taking a stand for something, it's easier to do it with others than alone. Ask your student who he or she sees standing for his or her faith at school. Discuss how your student and this person could encourage one another and stand together for the gospel.