

## SUMMER 2025

Unit 3, Session 3

### CONNECTION POINT:

Consider the needs of others before your own.

### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** Love is perhaps the most valued trait in our society, but that love often comes with limits and expectations. It's easy to love when we're loved in return, when it's convenient, or when others are lovable. But a love that loves when it is not reciprocated, easy, or convenient calls for a strong dose of humility. We are to model the same humility and love Christ displayed when He humbled Himself for our sake.

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

## PRESCHOOL

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:1-2; 6:5-13

**Live It Out:** Pray with your child and begin teaching her to pray. Help her learn that praying is talking to God. Model praying by using simple words she can understand.

Many people began to follow Jesus because He was healing people and telling about God's love.

Jesus went up on a mountainside and began to teach the people. He taught about God's love. Jesus taught about being kind. Jesus taught about loving others.

Jesus also taught the people how to pray. He said, "When you pray, say words like these: 'God, we love You. Help us do the things You want us to do. Give us the food we need. When other people hurt us, help us remember to love them just as You love us. Help us make right choices. We are sorry when we do not do what You want us to do.' "

Jesus wanted His disciples to know how to pray to God.

## KIDS

**Scripture:** 5:1-2; 6:5-13; Luke 18:9-14

**Live It Out:** Review the Bible story with your child. Use the statements in the Model Prayer to help your child write a prayer to God. Explain how each statement is a way to praise God.

Jesus sat on a mountain with many people to teach them about praying to God.

Jesus told them do not pray to impress other people. Jesus said that instead pray in private. God can see you, and He will reward you. Don't use fancy words when you pray. God knows what you need even before you ask Him.

On another day Jesus told a parable about a religious leader and a tax collector. The religious leader stood in front of everyone and prayed about his good works and righteousness. The tax collector asked God for mercy for his sin.

Jesus explained that the tax collector, not the religious leader, left the temple with a right relationship with God. Jesus said, "Those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Philippians 2:1-11

- In your own words, what is Christian unity?
- How does Jesus's life serve as the perfect example of humility?
- Why is humility an essential part of sharing in the glory of Jesus?

**Live It Out:** Jesus said the two greatest commands, which sum up the entire law, are to love God with all we are and love others as ourselves. Jesus humbled Himself, stepping out of heaven and coming to earth, as an expression of His love for us. In the same spirit, we are called to love and serve the people around us in humility.

Humility is a characteristic that is expressed in real ways toward the people in our lives. Who has been an example of humility to your family through his or her actions? As a family, write a note thanking this person for his or her example.