

# FAMILY CONNECTION

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

## SUMMER 2025

Unit 3, Session 5

### CONNECTION POINT:

God's generous grace moves us to be generous.

### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** There is great value and virtue in working hard, earning money, and managing it well without waste. But our money is not for ourselves alone. The Bible calls us to be generous. We belong to God and, therefore, all we have belongs to Him. We are to earn, use, and manage our money wisely, but our money is ultimately for His glory. We express our trust in Him and further His kingdom by meeting the needs of others.

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

## PRESCHOOL

**Scripture:** Luke 15:11-32

**Live It Out:** Print the words *GOD LOVES ME* in large letters on paper. Provide small blocks to stack on the letters. Read the words to him. Thank God for His love.

Jesus told a parable: "A man had two grown-up sons. The younger son told his father, 'Give me my share of the family money.'"

"The father divided the money and property between his two sons. The younger son moved far away to another country. He began to make wrong choices and spent all his money. He got a job taking care of pigs. He was hungry and thought about eating the pig's food.

"The son began about his father. His father's workers had plenty of food to eat. He decided to go home and work for his father.

"The son traveled home. His father saw him and ran to his son. The father welcomed him.

"The son asked the father to be a worker. But the father called for a celebrations. The father was happy that his son was home."

## KIDS

**Scripture:** Luke 15

**Live It Out:** Challenge your child to recall the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. Talk about what Jesus was teaching about God's love through the parables.

Jesus told three parables to teach the people what God is like. Jesus told about a man who had 100 sheep and lost one. The man searched and when he found it, he invited his neighbors to celebrate. Jesus said there is joy in heaven when one sinner turns back to God.

Jesus told about a woman who lost one of 10 silver coins. The woman lit a lamp and swept the house searching for the coin. She found it and called her friends to celebrate with her. Jesus said that there is great joy in heaven over a sinner who turns to obeying God.

Jesus told about a young son who left home with his inheritance. He traveled to another country and wasted his money. During a famine with no food, he thought of his father's workers with plenty to eat. He returned home, welcomed by his father, who celebrated his return; because his son was lost, but has been found.

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

- How has God's grace encouraged a spirit of generosity in you?
- In your own words, why is giving a privilege?
- How have you experienced God's grace? How is this impacting the ways you share?

**Live It Out:** Grace is, by definition, a free gift that we can't earn and don't deserve. We are saved by God's grace, and if we've experienced God's grace generously lavished on our lives, the natural response is to be gracious and generous to others.

Who is someone in your church you recognize as being incredibly generous? How do their actions show generosity. Discuss this with your family. Then thank this individual in person for their generosity and ask him or her to share the reasons for his or her generosity.