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Unit 1, Session 3

CONNECTION POINT:

The greatest sin is refusing to trust Jesus.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: A key attribute of God is His great love, a love that is seen in His forgiveness. It seems unthinkable, then, that we could do something that God wouldn't forgive. Yet Jesus said plainly, "Blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven" (Matt. 2:31). As we look at the context in which Jesus said this, we see the burden rests on us. God desires to forgive, but we must trust Jesus and receive His forgiveness.

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

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Exodus 15:22–16:36

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Write God helps me have what I need. on a paper. Allow your child to glue pictures of things your child needs on the paper. Pray, thanking God.

After God helped the people cross the Red Sea, they traveled for three days without finding water they could drink. The people complained to Moses. God showed Moses where and how to get water for the people to drink.

The Israelite people kept moving from one place to another for many days. They complained again about not having enough food.

Moses told the people that God would provide what they needed. God provided quail for them. The people ate. The next morning, the people saw the bread God promised. Moses told the people to gather a certain amount of bread for each day. The people called it manna.

Many people obeyed God and gathered the manna the way God told them to. Some did not. The people learned to follow God's instructions. The people ate manna for many years.

KIDS

Scripture: Exodus 15:22–16:36

Live It Out: Talk about today's Bible story, reminding that God showed His love and kindness by providing for the needs of the people. Pray, thanking God for His love and care.

After the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, they journeyed for three days without finding water. God helped the people find drinkable water.

As they continued to travel, the people started complaining about not having enough food.

God told Moses that He was going to rain down bread from heaven in the morning. He commanded the people to gather just enough bread for each day. God also gave the people meat to eat at night.

The people gathered enough bread for each day, but on the sixth day they gathered enough to last through the Sabbath Day.

God told Moses to gather some manna and place it in a container. The container of manna would remind the Israelites that God helps and provides for His people.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Matthew 12:22–32

- Why were the Pharisees so angry with Jesus?
- What has Jesus taken away from your life that was previously comfortable or pleasurable?
- Why is it impossible to remain neutral when it comes to following Jesus?

Live It Out: Any sin is a terrible offense against God, and all sins are equal in the sense that even the smallest sin (from an earthly perspective) is enough to cut us off from God. All sin deserves judgment, but there is forgiveness for every sin with one exception: pridefully and persistently refusing to believe the truth about Jesus.

Even though everyone is a sinner in need of God's forgiveness, it can be tempting for Christians to be critical of worldly people or Christians who are different from them. However, the church should reflect the love and grace of Jesus. This week, discuss with your student ways he or she may be more critical of others than compassionate. Share ways you may be struggling with this as well and commit to showing compassion.