

# FAMILY CONNECTION

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

## FALL 2025

Unit 2, Session 2

### CONNECTION POINT:

Even difficult interruptions place us where God can use us.

### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** We often find ourselves in places and situations we'd rather not be. We often sulk or feel sorry for ourselves, but that doesn't change our situation or do us any good. However, if we look at every situation as an opportunity to represent God, even the harshest circumstances can take on new meaning. We can move from despondency to dependency on God.

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

## PRESCHOOL

**Scripture:** Luke 4:16-22

**Live It Out:** Provide your child with a Bible she can use. The Bible is a book for everyone. She will begin to develop love and respect for the Bible and learn that the Bible tells about Jesus.

Jesus went to the synagogue in Nazareth. He stood everyone could see Him. A church helper handed Jesus the scroll of Scriptures.

Jesus carefully unrolled the scroll. He began to read from Isaiah, "God sent Me to tell people the good news about Him. God sent Me to help people." Jesus rolled up the scroll. He gave it back to the church helper and sat down.

Everyone was watching Jesus. Jesus looked at the people and said, "The words I read in the Scriptures tell about Me."

The people knew Jesus had grown up in Mary and Joseph's family, but they did not know that Jesus was God's Son. The people were surprised at what Jesus said.

## KIDS

**Scripture:** Luke 4:16-22

**Live It Out:** Help your child search the Scriptures to read more prophecies about Jesus. Many prophets wrote down prophecies about Jesus, even in Psalms.

Jesus returned to Nazareth. He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath Day.

Someone handed Jesus a scroll from Isaiah. Jesus stood up and began to read aloud from the scroll. "The Spirit of the Lord is on Me. He has chosen Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to tell the captives that they are free, to give sight to the blind, to free people who have been treated badly, and to announce that the Lord's favor is on us."

After Jesus read these words, He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the helper, and sat down. Everyone in the room watched to see what Jesus would do next.

Then Jesus spoke. He said the Scripture He just read was about Him. Jesus was telling the people He was the Savior God had promised to send. The people were amazed at what Jesus said and asked, "Isn't this Joseph's son?"

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Genesis 39:21-23; 40:5-8; 41:10-14

- How does it impact you to know that God will never leave or abandon His children?
- How can we say that God is good all the time when we experience suffering?
- How do you think God is working in your life right now to prepare you for future purposes?

**Live It Out:** In his early years, Joseph was his father's favorite son, but he was hated by his brothers. These dynamics led to terrible suffering in Joseph's life, but God was working to accomplish His purposes through it all. When we face pain or struggles, we can know for certain that God is in control and has a purpose for our lives.

Prayer is central to a growing faith and to living well through difficulties, and the Bible encourages us to take our cares to God and pray continually. As a family this week, read and reflect on these two Scriptures: 1 Peter 5:7 and 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Challenge your student to memorize one of these verses this week and consider memorizing it yourself.