

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 3, Session 3

CONNECTION POINT:

Committing to others means prioritizing their needs above our own.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: In today's passage, we read about Abram and his nephew Lot and their families who were caught in a dispute. The resources were not enough for both families, and a decision needed to be made on who would get what. We can learn much from working through differences, and committing to others means prioritizing their needs above our own. Sacrifice is never easy, but it's necessary as we follow Jesus.

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

FAMILY CONNECTION

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

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Genesis 1:26–2:24

Live It Out: Help your child make a list of all the things she can do. Comment that God made her special and able to do many things. Pray and thank God for His creation.

After God made all the land animals on the sixth day, He said, "I will make man. He will be in charge of all the animals. He will take care of the plants I have made."

The man lived in the garden of Eden. God told him to work in the garden and take care of it. God brought the animals to the man and said, "Give each animal a name." The man did what God told him to do.

Then God decided the man should not be alone. He made a woman to be the man's helper. Now the man would not be alone. God made people different from the other things He made. He made them able to choose to love and obey Him.

God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. Evening came, and the sixth day was done. On the seventh day, God rested.

KIDS

Scripture: Genesis 13

Live It Out: Help your child deal with problems with family members. Discuss the problem and ways to solve. Remind her that God wants family members to work out their differences.

God commanded Abram to go to a place God would show him. Abram took his wife and his nephew, Lot, with him.

God blessed Abram and Lot. They each owned many cattle, sheep, servants, and tents. But there was not enough land or water for Abram and Lot to stay together. Abram's workers and Lot's workers began to argue.

Abram told Lot that there should be no arguing between the family. He told Lot to choose the land he wanted and they would go in opposite directions.

After Lot was gone, God made a promise to Abram. God told him that He would give Abram all the land he saw and his family would be more than he could count.

Abram trusted God. Abram moved to Hebron. He built an altar to worship God.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Genesis 13

- How does our relationship with God change the way we relate to others?
- What does it mean to walk in faith?
- If we always choose what is best for us, what does this say about our faith (or lack of faith)?

Live It Out:

Ask your student to give some examples of the "me first" culture we live in, and ask why this is dangerous. What would be the opposite of a "me first" mentality? Ask your student how he or she could strive to put others first in his or her circles of influence, whether it's at school, team practice, or at home. Share with your student ways you can do this too at work, at home, or wherever else you spend your time.