

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 3, Session 4

CONNECTION POINT:

Forgiveness and grace begin with God and play a big role in living out our faith.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: In today's culture of conflict, being reconciled can be difficult at best. It involves putting differences aside and seeking to restore what is broken. The ultimate example of this was what Jesus did for us on the cross when He removed our sin and shame. We were reconciled to God and given new life in Him. Relationships can often be messy. To fully reconcile, we must lean into forgiveness and grace.

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 1:27-28; 3:20; 4:1-2

Live It Out: Guide your child to help care for God's creation. Spend some time outside picking up trash in your neighborhood. Tell your child that she can care for God's creation.

God created people. God said, "People will be different from the other things I made. They will rule over the animals, fish, and birds. They will care for the earth."

God made a man named Adam and a woman named Eve.

Eve had a baby boy. She named him Cain. Later she had another baby boy. She named him Abel.

The boys grew up to be men. Abel became a shepherd. He took care of sheep. Cain became a farmer. He grew food from the ground.

KIDS

Scripture: Genesis 25:27-34; 27:32-33

Live It Out: Read the Weekly Verse, Colossians 3:13, from the Bible. Emphasize the importance of forgiveness. Help your child to think of a family member he needs to forgive.

Jacob and Esau were twin brothers. Esau was a great hunter and loved to be outside, but Jacob preferred to stay home near the tent. Esau was close to his father, Isaac. Jacob was close to his mother, Rebekah.

When they were older, Esau and Jacob had a disagreement about Esau's birthright. Esau did not value his birthright and sold it to Jacob for some food.

Many years later, Rebekah helped Jacob trick Isaac into giving Jacob Esau's blessing. Esau was very angry, so Rebekah helped Jacob leave to a place that was far away.

Jacob lived in Haran for many years. He began a family of his own and became wealthy.

Then God told Jacob to go home. Jacob gathered camels, goats, and donkeys for Esau.

When Esau saw Jacob, he ran to hug him. Jacob was happy that Esau had forgiven him.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Genesis 32:1-2; 33:1-20

- Why must reconciliation begin with God?
- What part does humility play in forgiveness?
- When we don't repay evil for evil, what does this tell others about our faith?

Live It Out:

As a family, discuss the importance of showing grace to others in a world that values being "right." Where have you seen examples of people not showing each other grace? How could grace change the situation? What are some specific areas or situations people should be extending grace to each other (e.g., social media, in traffic, at school)? Think of ways you can show grace to others in your daily lives this week.