

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 3, Session 5

CONNECTION POINT:

God wants families to love and care for each other.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: In God's original design, He instituted two things: the church and the home. Both things are under attack from the enemy now more than ever. The next generation has a front row seat to the brokenness that is so prevalent. Yet, in all this, God is doing a good work. We also see restoration, forgiveness, and incredible kingdom work in the home. In today's passage, we will see these characteristics on display in Joseph's response to his brothers after they hurt him.

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: 1 Samuel 1:20-24,28; 3

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Samuel listened to God and learned God wanted. Say teachers at church help your child learn about God. Pray for your child's teacher.

Samuel's mother, Hannah, prayed for Samuel to be born. When Samuel was a young boy, his mother took him to the tabernacle in Shiloh.

Hannah gave Samuel to Eli the priest to teach Samuel about serving God at the tabernacle.

When Samuel was lying down to sleep, God called his name, "Samuel!" Samuel thought Eli was calling him. He ran to Eli and said, "Here I am."

Eli said, "I did not call you. Go back and lie down." God called to Samuel three times. The fourth time, Eli said, "When you hear God again, say, 'Speak, your servant is listening.'"

Samuel did what Eli said. God told him a special message.

As Samuel grew, he told the people what God wanted them to know. People listened to what Samuel said. They knew Samuel loved God and listened to God's words.

KIDS

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:20-24,28; 3

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Say the Psalm 32:8, with him. Help your child find opportunities to serve in his church, community, or school.

Hannah prayed for a child, and God answered her prayer. Hannah had her son, Samuel.

When Samuel was old enough, she took him to the tabernacle and dedicated him to the Lord. She told Eli, the priest, "For as long as Samuel lives, he is given to serve the Lord."

Samuel grew and helped Eli. One night Samuel heard a voice calling his name. He ran to Eli and told him what happened. Eli sent him back to his bed.

Two more times, Samuel heard the voice, and ran to Eli. Eli understood that God was speaking. He told Samuel to say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'

Samuel obeyed. God told Samuel that Eli's sons had done bad things. Samuel told Eli what God said.

God continued to give His messages for the people to Samuel. Samuel was God's prophet.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Genesis 45:1-15

- How can we love our families well?
- Why is love with action more believable?
- How does the gospel shape our influence on our family?

Live It Out:

Talk to your student about the dangers of allowing the culture to dictate how we live instead of God's Word. In what ways does the culture tell us to live? How is that contrary to God's Word? Have your student brainstorm some ways he or she can live according to God's Word instead of the culture this week.