

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

CONNECTION POINT: Honoring your parents is one way to honor and love God.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: Our conversations are greatly affected by our perception of the other person. Praying to God is similar. Some people approach God with fear and trembling, hoping they utter just the right words. Others look at God as a kindly grandfather or a vending machine who dispenses whatever we want. How we approach God should be based on what He has revealed about Himself. Thankfully, the Bible presents a clear picture of our almighty and loving Father.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

MATT. 6:9A; PS. 103:1-5, 11-13, 19-22

The Object of Our Prayer

PRESCHOOL



EXODUS 1:8-2:10

LIVE IT OUT: Print on paper the word *OBEY*. Read the word and explain what it means. Give your child crayons. Tell him to trace around each letter with different colors. If your child is younger, let her draw around the word on the blank paper. Display the paper where your child will see it.

Miriam's family had a new baby boy. Miriam helped her mother take care of the baby.

The king did not want baby boys to live. So Miriam and her family hid the baby for three months. As the baby grew, Miriam's family had to think of a way to keep the baby safe.

Miriam's mother covered a basket with sticky tar. Miriam's mother laid the baby in the basket and placed the basket in the tall grass near the river's edge. Miriam watched her baby brother.

The king's daughter saw the basket and the baby. Miriam went to the king's daughter and asked, "Do you want me to get someone to take care of the baby for you?"

"Yes," said the king's daughter.

Miriam ran and got her mother. When the boy was older, the king's daughter named him Moses.

KIDS



EXODUS 1:8-2:10

LIVE IT OUT: Obedience can be a hard command for some children to follow. Help your child memorize the Weekly Bible Verse, Colossians 3:20. Emphasize that this command is one that contains a blessing. Pray with your child each day for her obedience to parents.

The new king made the Hebrews slaves in Egypt. He made them do hard work. And the king said, "All boy babies born to the Hebrews must be killed."

One Hebrew mother hid her baby for three months. Then she made a basket covered with tar and put the baby in it. She put the basket in the reeds by the river. Miriam watched the basket.

The king's daughter saw the basket and sent her maid for it. The princess saw the baby was crying and felt sorry for him.

Miriam came and asked, "Should I get someone to take care of the baby?" The princess said yes, and sent Miriam for help.

Miriam brought her mother who was also the baby's mother! The princess said, "Take care of him for me," she said.

When the child was older, he was taken to the princess. She named him Moses. Moses means "I took him out of the water."

STUDENTS

THE POINT: Our prayers must flow from a proper view of God.

- What's your reaction to people who only talk about themselves?
- What are some of the good things our Father does for His children?
- How have you become familiar with the love and compassion of God?
- How does focusing primarily on God, and not ourselves, impact our prayer time?
- How does our view of God's power and love influence the way we pray?
- How can you demonstrate genuine thanks for all God does for you?

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out in the Personal Study Guide.

Here are some ways you can encourage your students to live out their faith with Christ personally, in community, and in their culture:

- **CHRIST:** Consider the way you approach God the Father in prayer this week and follow the Model Prayer as Jesus did.
- **COMMUNITY:** Make it a point to pray with your student every day this week. Consider stopping to pray together before rushing out the door to school and work.
- **CULTURE:** Talk to your student about his or her friends that need prayer and create a list. Encourage your student to tell those friends that he or she is praying for them and offer to pray together.