

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

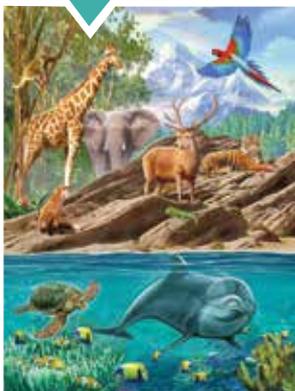
JAMES 2:1-10

Open Arms

CONNECTION POINT: God wants to have a relationship with us, so we should reach out to others.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: It's only natural that we gravitate to the people we know best and those who are like us. It's easier to interact with people with whom we share a common interest or background. The problem arises when those friendships drive us to overlook others, ignore them, or worse, show preferential treatment. Jesus, on the other hand, loves all people the same. Scripture calls us to see people as Jesus does.

PRESCHOOL



GENESIS 1:20-25, 30

LIVE IT OUT: The zoo is a great place for preschoolers to experience the diversity of the animal kingdom. Most zoos have animals that live in different kinds of habitats. God created everything for a specific place.

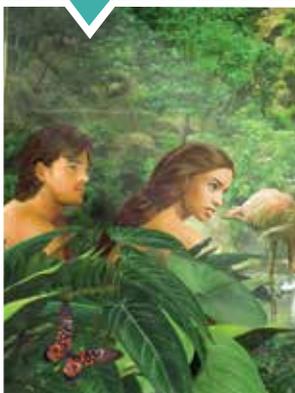
God had made a wonderful world. He created day and night. God made the sky, oceans, and dry land. He made plants, trees, and grass to grow on the land. He made the sun to shine during the day and the moon and stars to shine at night.

Then, on the fifth day, God said, "Let the waters be filled with living animals, and let birds fly in the sky." God created every kind of fish and every kind of animal that lives in the water. He made all kinds of birds to fly in the sky.

On the sixth day, God made animals to live on the land. He made all the wild animals, farm animals, and animals that crawl on the ground.

God planned for the birds and animals to have food to eat. They would eat the plants that grew in the ground. God looked at the beautiful world He had made. It was all very good.

KIDS



GENESIS 2:4-24

LIVE IT OUT: Is your child growing a relationship with God? Remind her that God made her to be in a relationship with Him. Remind your child that reading her Bible and praying are ways to help develop a strong connection with God.

God formed man from the dust of the ground. Then God breathed into the man and the man came alive!

God planted a garden. He put the man in the garden. The garden was beautiful. It had good food. A river was there to water the garden. The river divided and became four rivers.

God told the man to take care of the garden. He told the man he could eat from any tree in the garden except one.

God knew Adam needed a helper like himself. First, God brought all the animals to Adam. Adam named the livestock. He named the birds. He named all the wild animals. Then God put Adam to sleep and took out one of his ribs. God used the rib to make a woman.

When Adam woke up, he liked the woman he saw. Adam named the woman Eve.

STUDENTS

THE POINT: Welcoming others is more than a friendly "hello."

- When have you felt like "the new kid"?
- What are some ways we might be tempted to show favoritism today?
- What motivates people to show partiality and favoritism?
- What does being "rich in faith" look like in real life?
- What is the connection between our relationship with God and our relationship with others?
- What are some reasons favoritism and love will never go together?

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:** Tell your student about a time when God worked through you to impact another.
- **COMMUNITY:** Ask your student about favoritism in the church and consider ways he or she can be more welcoming to everyone.
- **CULTURE:** As a family, brainstorm some ideas to better love and show value to those feeling unloved in your church or community. Put those ideas into practice.