

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE

NEHEMIAH 5:1-13

Protect

CONNECTION POINT: We should pray for one another, especially if we are Christians.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: Following Christ is not an on-again, off-again exercise. Our call to honor Christ is not limited to what we do when we're actively serving. We are to protect our walk with Christ and our witness for Him by living with integrity, a singular desire to honor Christ in all areas of life. To live any part of our lives apart from Him adversely affects our ministry. Conversely, a life fully devoted to Christ greatly strengthens our service to Him.

PRESCHOOL



ACTS 16:1-5; 17:16-34; 18:1-11

LIVE IT OUT: Find some information on missionaries to share with your child. You might have a missionary from your church. Help your child write a thank-you note to the missionary. Be sure to pray for the missionary before you send the note.

Paul and Silas traveled to the city of Lystra. They met a young man named Timothy. Paul asked Timothy to go with him and Silas. The men went to many towns telling about Jesus.

Later, Paul traveled to Athens. He went to the synagogue and to the marketplace telling people about Jesus.

Paul spoke to the people at a special place on a hill. Paul told the people that God loves everyone and wants people to love Him. He told the people about Jesus, God's Son.

Paul then went to the city of Corinth. There he met a man named Aquila and his wife, Priscilla. They were tentmakers. Paul was a tentmaker, so he stayed and worked with them.

For a year and a half, Paul stayed in Corinth and taught about Jesus. Some people did not believe, but other people believed what Paul said about God and Jesus.

KIDS



ACTS 16:1-5; 17:16-34; 18:1-11

LIVE IT OUT: How can your family help missionaries? One way is by praying. Find a few specific missionaries for which to pray. You may have missionaries in your church. Or look online or through church resources to find missionaries for whom your family can pray.

Paul traveled to Derbe and Lystra. There he met Timothy. Paul chose Timothy to go with him on his next journey. They taught in churches. The churches were encouraged and grew.

Paul went to Athens. He saw many idols. He began to teach every day about Jesus and how He was raised from the dead. When Paul saw an altar to worship an unknown God, he taught the people about the one, true God.

Paul left for Corinth. He worked with a man and his wife who were tentmakers, just like Paul. Every Sabbath Paul preached in the synagogue to Jews and Gentiles.

One night God spoke to Paul in a vision and told him not to be afraid, but to keep on speaking. God told Paul He was with him and would protect him. Paul stayed in Corinth a year and a half preaching and teaching the Word of God.

STUDENTS

THE POINT: As Christians, we cannot separate who we are from what we do.

- How have you taken advantage of people in the past?
- Where do you see examples of injustice in today's culture?
- When have you seen someone stand up for someone else who was being treated unjustly?
- What's at risk when our actions do not match our words?
- What can hinder a church's witness in the community?
- What's the difference between repentance and an apology?

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:** Genuine belief means obedience, even when it's difficult. Talk to your student about hurtful behavior and sins that may be keeping him or her away from a closer connection with Jesus. Pray with your student and help him or her to walk away from that sin.
- **COMMUNITY:** Ask your student if he or she has a broken relationship that needs healing. Help your student to face those sins and heal those involved.
- **CULTURE:** Discuss with your student how our actions represent the church to those outside. How can you improve the testimony that you provide by your words and actions?