

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

NEHEMIAH 6:1-3,15-16;

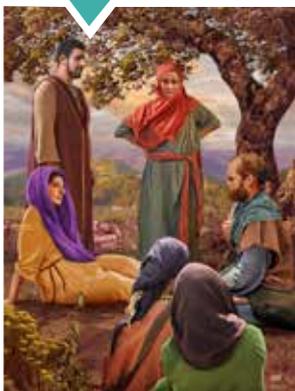
8:1-3,5-8

Prioritize

CONNECTION POINT: Knowing God's Word helps us receive salvation.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: Books and videos abound to teach abilities and skills on virtually any topic imaginable. However, when it comes to what really matters—living life—only God's Word will give us all we truly need. Our character and service are to be fully shaped by what God has revealed about Himself and who we are in Christ. As we center our lives in God's Word, we ensure that we stay focused, living and serving in the most effective and Christ-honoring way.

PRESCHOOL



ACTS 16:11-15

LIVE IT OUT: Tell your child that God sent Jesus to earth because He loves people. Help your child review some familiar Bible stories about Jesus and how He showed love to people. A few examples are Jesus Fed Five-Thousand, Jesus Healed a Blind Man, and Jesus Taught His Disciples.

Paul and his friends traveled many places, telling people about Jesus. They went to the city of Philippi to tell about Jesus.

On the day for church, Paul and his friends left the city and walked to the river. They found a group of women, praying and learning about God. Paul and his friends began talking to the women about Jesus.

One of the women was named Lydia. She sold purple cloth. Lydia loved God very much. She listened carefully as Paul told her and the other women about Jesus.

Lydia believed what Paul was saying. Lydia and her family were baptized. She wanted everyone to know that she loved Jesus.

Lydia invited Paul and his friends to come and stay at her house. And they did.

KIDS



ACTS 16:11-15

LIVE IT OUT: Jesus died on the cross for our sins, but until a sinner accepts the gift, he cannot be saved. If your child is not a Christian, begin sharing the gospel with her. If your child is already a Christian, he may be ready to share the gospel with a friend.

Paul and his friends went on his second journey. They sailed to Philippi, a very large and busy city in Macedonia. Paul and his friends stayed in the city for several days.

On the Sabbath, Paul and his helpers went outside the city gates to the river. They were looking for a place of prayer. When Paul got there, he sat down and began to speak to some women who were there praying and learning about God. There was a woman there named Lydia who sold purple cloth. She worshiped God. While Lydia listened to Paul, God helped her to pay attention and understand what Paul was teaching about. She believed and her entire household did, too. Then she and everyone in her household were baptized.

Lydia invited Paul and his friends to come stay at her home.

STUDENTS

THE POINT: God's Word must be central to our lives to truly serve Him.

- What distractions keep you from following God?
- What can you learn from Nehemiah about staying focused?
- What is something you've accomplished only with God's help?
- Who has been instrumental in teaching you the importance of God's Word? How did they do this?
- What habits have you cultivated that help you stay continually in the Bible?
- What helps you better understand God's Word?
- What have you recently learned about Jesus that's moved you to worship Him?

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:** The Bible provides our closed connection to God and we can strengthen our relationship with Him through the study of it. Take a quiz with your student to test how healthy your relationship with God is.
- **COMMUNITY:** Encourage your student to pursue God's Word outside of church. Consider hosting a small Bible study group in your home to provide a place for intentional study.
- **CULTURE:** Brainstorm ideas with your student of ways you can share God's truth in your community.