

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

**NEHEMIAH 8:9-12;
12:27-31A**

Praise

CONNECTION POINT: Serving God includes knowing the Bible.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: We know the happiness—even celebration—of coming to the end of a task: turning in a research paper, hammering the last nail in a building project, or attending a retirement party. Some tasks are harder to celebrate either because we do not see the end result or the progress is slow. We can—and should—still celebrate the work we do for God because He will bring great good out of what we do for Him—and that is always cause for celebration.

PRESCHOOL



2 TIMOTHY 1:1-5; 3:14-17

LIVE IT OUT: Let your preschooler use the Bible often. Provide a real Bible with pictures, not a Bible storybook. Help him turn the pages in the Bible and point out familiar words and names. Be sure he knows that the Bible helps people know about God's love.

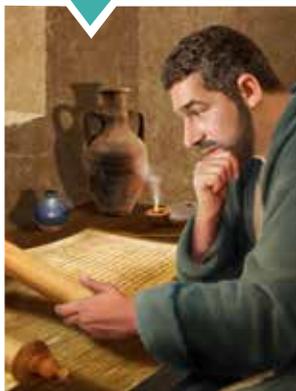
Paul was a missionary who traveled from place to place telling people about God and Jesus. On one of his trips, Paul met a young man named Timothy.

Paul heard people say that Timothy loved God and Jesus. Timothy had been taught about God by his mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois.

Paul and Timothy traveled together and told people about Jesus and God.

After Timothy had stopped traveling with Paul, Paul wrote a letter to him. Paul wrote, "Since you were a child, you have learned from the Bible. Remember, all that the Bible says is from God. The Bible tells us what God wants us to do. It teaches us how to live and helps us make right choices. Keep doing what the Bible says to do."

KIDS



2 TIMOTHY 1:1-5; 3:14-17

LIVE IT OUT: How does your family use the Bible? God's love for people is the theme of the entire Bible. Help your child memorize the unit verse, Psalm 136:26. Look in the Bible for other verses that talk about God's love for people.

While Paul was in prison, he wrote a letter to Timothy. Paul loved Timothy like a son. Paul thanked God for Timothy when he prayed. In his letter to Timothy, Paul wrote to encourage Timothy and help him to know how to serve Jesus.

Paul reminded him that Timothy's grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice helped him to know about God when he was a child by teaching him from the Scriptures. Paul told Timothy to always remember what he had been taught about Jesus. He told Timothy to be ready to tell others about Jesus. God would help him.

The Bible is God's message for people. The Bible tells us about God's love and how we can know Him through Jesus, His Son. The Bible tells us to obey God and do what pleases Him. The Bible teaches us how to live.

STUDENTS

THE POINT: Serving God includes celebrating His great work.

- What words would you use to describe God's forgiveness?
- What does it mean to you that God is willing to forgive?
- What things do you enjoy? How do they help you understand God's goodness?
- How would you describe the connection between repentance and celebration?
- How does the joy we have because of Jesus help us to be strong?
- When has a time of worship been particularly meaningful for you?
- How can you encourage others to celebrate what God has done?

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:** As a family, write a list of ten things you are each thankful for. Share your answers and finish with a prayer thanking God for all the good in your lives.
- **COMMUNITY:** Students have finished studying through the book of Nehemiah. Consider hosting a party to celebrate all they have learned. Invite others from school or the neighborhood and share the reasons we have to celebrate and be thankful.
- **CULTURE:** Our culture celebrates good things and some not good things. Evaluate your family celebrations and consider some good ones you can add to celebrate Christ.