

SPRING 2021

Unit 1, Session 3

CONNECTION POINT:

We are sinners, and on our own, we can do nothing about it.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Most people consider themselves “pretty good.” Human beings tend to measure other people’s conduct using themselves as the rule. “I’m no angel, but compared to that person I’m pretty good.” The Bible does not allow for such thinking. God Himself is the standard by which behavior is judged, and we fall woefully short of God’s holiness and perfection. Even if we “turn over a new leaf” and attempt to do better, we fail to measure up.

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

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-2; 6:5-13

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Help your child find pictures of Jesus in a Bible. Talk about the things Jesus taught as you look at each picture.

Jesus sat on the side of a mountain teaching the people. He told them about God.

Jesus taught about prayer. He said, “When you pray, you should not pray so that others will see and hear you. Go to a quiet place. God will hear you when you pray.”

He also told the people, “Some people use many words to pray. They think God will hear them if they use many words. God knows what you need before you ask Him.”

Jesus told the people to pray words like these: “God in heaven, You are special. We pray that people would do what You say. Give us the food we need each day. Do not be angry with us when we do wrong things. Help us love those who hurt us. Help us make right choices and obey you. Keep us safe. Amen.”

KIDS

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-2; 6:5-13

Live It Out: After reviewing the Bible story, help your child find other stories about Jesus teaching others. Help him write a prayer, thanking God for what he has learned about Jesus.

Jesus went up a mountain and began to teach the people about God. He taught them how God wants people to live. He taught them how God wants people to pray. When we pray, we are talking to God. He hears our prayers, no matter what words we use.

Jesus taught that people should honor God’s name as holy. That means that people should do what is right and not do anything that would make Him feel disappointed.

Jesus said that people should ask for God’s help to obey Him.

Jesus told the people to ask God for the things that they need every day.

Jesus told the people that we should forgive people who have hurt us. He also said we should ask God to forgive us for wrong things that we have done.

Jesus said that we need to ask God to help us do what is right.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Isaiah 59:1-13

- How did you become aware of your own sin?
- What are the consequences for refusing to acknowledge the sin in our lives?
- How have you experienced the futility of trying to deal with your sin by yourself?

Live It Out: A good way to think about sin is that we’re aiming the arrow of our lives at the bullseye of God’s holiness, and if we miss the target even once, we’re sinners. All people have sinned, plain and simple. There’s nothing we can do to repair the brokenness in our lives or restore our relationship with God. Thankfully, Jesus did all that was necessary to pay the price for our sin, and when we trust in Him, we can be forgiven.

For us to experience salvation in Jesus, we must confess our sins. Ask your student if he or she has ever prayed to God to confess that he or she is a sinner who has fallen short of God’s standard and in need of forgiveness. If not, offer to pray with your student and answer any questions he or she may have about confession and forgiveness.