

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 1, Session 3

CONNECTION POINT:

What you believe is seen in what you do.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Most Americans believe in God, and of that group, over fifty percent believe in God as revealed in Scripture. While some might be encouraged by such a high percentage, we might wonder why the ethical and moral standards of America do not match that percentage. Too many people fail to align what they believe with what they do, but the Book of James teaches us that belief and practice go hand in hand.

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

FAMILY CONNECTION

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

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Remind your child that all people need to know about Jesus. Invite a friend to a playdate. Encourage her to show love to her friend.

Jesus was traveling through Jericho with a crowd of people gathered around Him. Zacchaeus heard about Jesus and wanted to see Him. Zacchaeus was a tax collector. People did not like Zacchaeus because he was a tax collector.

Zacchaeus could not see over the crowd of people. He ran ahead of the crowd and climbed a tree so he could see Jesus.

Jesus stopped under the tree. He said, "Come down, Zacchaeus. I want to go to your house today!" Zacchaeus quickly climbed down the tree.

Jesus showed love to Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was sorry for the wrong things he had done. He said that he would return four times the money he had wrongly taken from people.

Zacchaeus knew that Jesus loved him and wanted him to do things that were right.

KIDS

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

Live It Out: Help your child learn 1 Timothy 2:3-4. Explain that the word truth in the verse refers to the good news of Jesus. Say all people need to learn that Jesus is the Savior.

Jesus passed through Jericho. A man lived there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector, and he was very rich. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, but there was a crowd of people. Zacchaeus ran ahead and climbed up in a tree so that when Jesus passed by, he could see.

When Jesus got there, he looked up and called Zacchaeus' name. He told Zacchaeus to come down quickly because He wanted to stay at Zacchaeus' house. Zacchaeus climbed down right away and happily welcomed Jesus.

Zacchaeus told Jesus that he was willing to give half of his riches to the poor, and if he had cheated people on their taxes, he would give them back four times as much as he took from them. Meeting Jesus changed Zacchaeus' life.

STUDENTS

Scripture: James 2:14-26

- How would you describe the connection between faith and works?
- Why are right beliefs so important?
- What sometimes keeps us from living out our faith?

Live It Out: Faith is essentially believing the truth about Jesus and trusting Him in a way that leads to obedience in all areas of life. True faith leads us to live in ways that reflect Jesus, including our actions and words, as well as our thoughts and attitudes.

Challenge your student to inspect their life and consider if there are any areas where they are not living out what they believe. Consider together any steps they can take to align their actions with their faith.