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Unit 1, Session 2

CONNECTION POINT:

Without Christ, we are hopelessly lost.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: We've all lost something. We've lost our car keys; we've lost the remote control for the television; and we've lost our way in traveling to a destination. But lostness is far more common in another way; we are all hopelessly lost in relation to God. We are so lost, we can't find our way back to God on our own. However, God did what we could never do. Through Christ, God opened the way for all who will repent and believe in Christ to return to Him.

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 6:25-34

Live It Out: Print the Weekly Verse in the center of a paper. Read aloud the verse to your child. Give him markers and stickers to decorate the verse as you name things he needs that God provides

Jesus was teaching people on the side of a mountain.

He said, "Do not worry about what you will eat or drink. God cares for you. He will help you have what you need. Think about the birds. God takes care of them. He gives them the food they need. God loves you more than birds."

Jesus taught more about God's care. "Do not worry about clothes to wear. Think about the flowers. God takes care of the flowers. He gives the flowers what they need. God will make sure you have what you need, too. He will help you have clothes to wear."

Jesus wanted the people to learn what God wanted them to do and that God cared for them. God takes care of all people.

KIDS

Scripture: Matthew 5-7

Live It Out: Compare Matthew 5-7 with Luke 6:20-45. How does Luke's passage differ from Matthew's. In both passages Jesus is teaching people what it means to live for God.

Many people followed Jesus, wanting to hear Him teach. Jesus led them to the side of a mountain and began teaching the people.

These are some things Jesus taught: people should try to keep peace with others; people should show love to others instead of revenge or hatred, they should love their enemies; people should help others, but not to get noticed.

Jesus taught the people how to pray; people should not worry, but they should trust that God knows what they need; people should not judge others, but people should think about whether their own actions please God; God loves to give good things to those who love Him.

Jesus said many more things to the people. He taught them how they could live for God. The crowd was amazed at the way Jesus spoke.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Luke 15:11-14, 17-24

- What are some things that lure people away from a relationship with God?
- Before surrendering to Christ, how did you live like the prodigal son?
- What are the riches God promises to His children today?

Live It Out: When an object is lost, it means the item is separated from its owner and can't be recovered. When a person is lost, it means we can't find our way to the place where we want to be. For the person broken by sin, both apply. We were created to be with God, but sin has separated us from Him. Further, we long to be in a place of security and peace, yet because of sin, there's no way we could ever find our way back to God. But with God, the seemingly impossible is possible, and He recovers the lost and guides the lost in the way of life.

Share with your student a time when you forgave someone even though it was difficult. Explain any changes you felt in your relationship with God before forgiving the other person and the changes that occurred after.