

SPRING 2020

Unit 1, Session 3

CONNECTION POINT:

Jesus made it possible for us to be righteous before God.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: When we have a need or problem we cannot resolve ourselves, we seek out those who are able to help us. When we are sick, we go to the doctor. When planning for the future, people often seek out the advice of financial planners. The ultimate problem we all face is a sin problem, which means separation from God. Thankfully, God dealt with our sin problem through the work of Christ. All those who repent and believe in Christ are forgiven for their sins and receive eternal life.

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

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Luke 13:10-17

Live It Out: Make a list of people in your child's life. Comment that all these people are important to God. Take time each day to pray for one or two people on her list.

Jesus often taught at synagogue. People would come to hear Jesus tell about God.

Jesus was teaching people at church, He saw a woman who was bent over. The woman could not stand tall and straight. For a long time, this woman had not been able to straighten her back.

Jesus wanted to help the woman. He called for the woman to come to Him. When the woman got to where Jesus stood, He said she was well. Jesus touched the woman with His hands, and immediately she could stand up straight. Jesus had made her well.

The woman was so happy! She could straighten her back and stand up tall. The woman thanked Jesus for making her well.

Many people at church were happy about what Jesus had done.

KIDS

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

Live It Out: Help your child memorize Ephesians 4:32. Challenge her to recite the verse if she is in a situation requiring her to forgive.

Peter asked Jesus, "How often should I forgive someone? As many as seven times?"

Jesus said, "Not seven times, but seventy times seven!"

Jesus told this story: A servant owed a king money. The king was ready to sell him and all he owned. The servant begged the king, The king felt sorry for the man and forgave his debt.

The same servant went to another servant who owed him money. He had the servant thrown into prison!

When the king hear what happened, he called for the first servant to come to him. "I forgave you everything because you begged me. Shouldn't you have done the same thing?"

The king told the jailers to take the servant to jail.

Jesus said, "God will do this to you unless you sincerely forgive others."

STUDENTS

Scripture: Romans 3:20-28

- When are you tempted to compare yourself to others who are "worse" than you?
- How has God proven His love in your life?
- How would you explain to someone why good works aren't enough to earn a relationship with God?

Live It Out: Many people today believe we are saved by living a good life (salvation by works) or even because we believe in God. However, the Bible is clear—God's standard of "good" is Jesus, and we all fall desperately short. No one could ever be nearly good enough to earn God's favor. Only Jesus' sacrifice could pay the debt we owe, and only through His death and resurrection could we receive salvation.

Salvation through Jesus Christ is good news that we are to share with others. Who do you know that needs to hear the story of His sacrifice? Consider how you can share with others this week.