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Unit 1, Session 4

CONNECTION POINT:

We can confidently trust in what God says and does.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Faith plays an often unrecognized role in our daily lives. We exercise faith every time we get into our cars, trusting they will start and all the parts will work as designed. We trust based on what we've been told. Unfortunately, we've also had times when our faith was misplaced; the person or object we trusted didn't do what we trusted them to do. God is the only One in whom we can confidently place our faith because He can always be believed and relied upon.

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 15:11-32

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Remind your child that God loves people the way the man loved his son. Say the verse together: "We know God loves us. 1 John 4:16."

Jesus told a story to teach about God's love.

A younger son told his father he wanted his part of the family money. The father gave the son what he asked for, and the son moved far away. Before long he spent all his money. He did not have any food to eat, so he went to work taking care of pigs. The son remembered that his father's workers had food to eat. He decided to go home and work for his father.

While the son was still far away, the father saw him. The father ran to him and hugged and kissed him.

The father called to his helpers to bring the new clothes. He planned a party for his son.

Jesus wanted the people to know that God is a loving Father like the father in the story.

KIDS

Scripture: Luke 15

Live It Out: Help your child to recall the three parables. Talk about what Jesus was teaching about God's love through the parables. Pray with your child, thanking God for His love.

Jesus told three stories about lost things.

A man had 100 sheep. One sheep was lost. The man left the 99 sheep. He hunted until he found the lost one. Then he invited people to celebrate with him.

A woman had 10 silver coins. She lost 1 coin. The woman swept her house looking for the coin until she found it. She called her neighbors to celebrate with her.

A younger son took his part of the family money and left home. When he spent all his money, he was hungry. He wanted to eat the food that he saw the pigs eating! The son decided to go home and ask his father to be one of his servants.

The father saw his son coming home. He ran to him and hugged him. He planned a big celebration for his returned son.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-6

- Who or what do we tend to put our faith in besides God?
- What are some daily practices that strengthen your faith?
- Why is faith a necessary element for a relationship with God?

Live It Out: Throughout the history of Israel, many believed a person received God's approval by living in obedience to the law. However, this is not the case. Because it was impossible to completely obey the law—after all, it addressed not only our actions, but even our thoughts and motives—the law never made anyone right with God. Instead, it pointed out how sinful we are. Only Jesus fulfilled the law in every sense. Therefore, faith in Him is the only way we will find favor with God.

Take some time this week for some self-evaluation with your student. Do people see you as faithful and trustworthy? What habits do you need to change in order to live in a way that others would trust?