

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: During this unit, your child will learn about six people who were changed by an encounter with God. Use the **APPLY** activities at the end of each story to help your child apply what he or she has learned.



ABRAM

God spoke to Abram in a vision and told him that he would have a son.

Abram didn't know how this would happen because he was getting very old. God promised Abram that the number of people in his family would be as many as the stars in the sky.

Abram's wife, Sarai, became tired of waiting on God for a child. She told Abram to have a child with Hagar.

Sarai was mean to Hagar when she became pregnant. Hagar ran away to the desert. An angel told Hagar to go back home and to name her son Ishmael. Hagar did what the angel told her to do.

LIFE VERSE: John 14:15

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING: God loves people enough to provide forgiveness for sin.

APPLY: Print *UNCONDITIONAL* down the left side of a sheet of paper. Tell your child that God loves us no matter what happens. Help her think of words about God's love that begin with each letter.



MIRIAM

Miriam and Aaron began to say bad things about Moses even though Moses was a good man.

The Lord heard what they said and called for Moses, Miriam, and Aaron to come to Him. He appeared to them in a pillar of cloud. The Lord was angry with Miriam and Aaron for the things that they said about Moses.

The Lord struck Miriam with a skin disease called leprosy. Moses prayed that the Lord would heal her.

The Lord told Moses to confine Miriam outside the camp for seven days and then she would be healed. After the seven days the Israelites moved on to another place.

LIFE VERSE: John 14:15

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING: God wants me to have pure thoughts and actions.

APPLY: Does your child have a good attitude? Discuss how he feels about things or people. Remind him that God wants our attitudes and thoughts to honor Him. Help your child pray to keep his thoughts pure.



THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

One day Jesus traveled through Samaria. He came to a well and He sat down because He was tired. The disciples went to town to buy food.

Even though it was late in the day, one woman came alone to get water. Jesus asked the woman for a drink.

The woman asked, "Why are you asking me for a drink?"

The woman knew that Jesus was a Jew and that Jews usually would not talk to Samaritans. Jesus told her that if she knew who was speaking to her, she would ask Him for a drink. He told her that He had living water!

The woman said, "I want this living water." Jesus explained that God wants people to worship Him. The woman said, "I know that the Messiah is coming." Jesus told her that He was the Messiah. At that point, the woman left her water jar and ran to the town. She told the townsmen, "Come. See the man. Could He be the Messiah?" So the men went out to see Jesus.

Many Samaritans from the town believed in Jesus at first because of what the woman told them. But they came to see and hear Jesus and asked Him to stay with them. He stayed two days and later the people said now they believed Jesus was the Savior because they heard Him for themselves.

LIFE VERSE: John 14:15

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING: God loves people enough to provide forgiveness for sin.

APPLY: Does your child know someone who needs kindness? Talk about an act of kindness your child can do for this person. Help her follow through on this kindness.



ZECHARIAH

Zechariah was a priest. He and his wife followed all the commandments. One day, while Zechariah was in the temple, an angel of the Lord appeared to him. The angel told Zechariah that his wife would have a son and that he should name the boy John. John would have the special job of preparing the way for Jesus.

Zechariah did not know how he could have a son because his wife was very old. The angel told Zechariah that he would not be able to speak until the baby was born since he did not believe what the angel said.

Elizabeth became pregnant and when the time came, she had a boy. They named him John just as the angel had told Zechariah to name him.

Zechariah could speak once again and praised God for what happened. The child grew up and lived in the wilderness until it was time to begin his ministry.

LIFE VERSE: Acts 16:31

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING: God deserves respect, obedience, and honor.

APPLY: Has your child ever gone with his own plans instead of yours? How often do you go with your own plans instead of God's? Help your child understand that God wants us to follow His plans for our lives.



PETER

Jesus finished praying and went with His disciples to an olive grove. Judas came to the grove with soldiers who were looking for Jesus. Peter drew his sword and cut off one of the men's ears. Jesus told Peter to put his sword away because what was happening was part of God's plan. The soldiers arrested Jesus and took Him to the home of the high priest.

Peter followed Jesus and waited outside the door of the high priest's courtyard. A girl brought Peter in and asked him if he was one of Jesus' followers. Peter said, "No, I am not." Two more times that night Peter denied knowing Jesus, and then the rooster crowed.

Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead three days later. One morning after Jesus had been resurrected, the disciples had been fishing all night, Jesus appeared to them on the shore. He asked Peter three times if he loved Him. Peter replied "yes" all three times. Then Jesus told Peter to feed His sheep. After that, Jesus said, "Follow Me!"

LIFE VERSE: Acts 16:31

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING: Jesus wants people to trust Him.

APPLY: Help your child understand that trust is a belief that someone will do what he says. Your child can trust Jesus to always love him. Discuss some ways your child knows Jesus loves him.



SAUL

One day a man named Saul was on his way to Damascus to have followers of Jesus arrested. A bright light shone down on him, and Saul fell to the ground. He heard a voice ask him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

Saul asked who the voice was coming from. The voice replied, "I am Jesus, the One you are persecuting."

Jesus told Saul to get up and go into the city. When Saul got up, he could not see. He was blind for three days. A man named Ananias went to the house where Saul was staying. Ananias placed his hands on Saul and told him to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Something like scales fell from Saul's eyes and he could see again. Saul began preaching the good news about Jesus to everyone.

LIFE VERSE: Acts 16:31

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING: God loves people enough to provide forgiveness for sin.

APPLY: Ask your child to name some things for which she might need to be forgiven. Help your child understand that God loves her and will forgive her whenever she asks for forgiveness.