

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

NEHEMIAH 8:1-8

Topic: God's Word

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: Have you ever been backpacking or hiking? When you backpack, you only bring the essentials you'll need to survive for the amount of days you're hiking. One essential is a map—a real, paper map. You'll make wrong turns and get turned around. But a map takes you where you want to go regardless of how lost you get. God has given us a map that never fails. This map—God's Word—gives us His directions on how to live. It puts us on the right path. The Israelites knew this during the days of Nehemiah, and it is a truth we should cling to.

PRESCHOOL



LUKE 4:16-22

LIVE IT OUT: Make sure your child has a Bible he can use. The Bible is a book for everyone. He will begin to develop love and respect for the Bible as his own. Read to him from the Bible and help him to learn familiar stories.

Jesus went to Nazareth. Nazareth was the town where Jesus' family lived when He was a boy. While Jesus was there, He went to the synagogue (church).

Jesus stood up to read. A church helper handed Jesus the scroll of Scriptures. Jesus carefully unrolled the scroll and read. Jesus read, "God sent Me to teach people about Him and to help people." Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it to the church helper, and sat down.

All the people watched Jesus. Jesus looked at the people and said, "These words are about Me." The people were surprised at what Jesus said.

KIDS



JOHN 14:15-26

LIVE IT OUT: Ask your child to find something in the Bible that has been difficult for her to understand. Comment that God sends His Holy Spirit to Christians to help them. If your child is not a Christian yet, begin to talk to her about how to become a Christian.

Jesus and His disciples were eating the Passover meal together. Jesus spoke to His followers. He explained that the way they could show love to Him was by obeying His commands. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to help them. The Holy Spirit would be with them forever.

Jesus told the followers over and over that keeping God's commands was the way to show their love. The Holy Spirit would come to Jesus' followers. Anyone who loved Jesus and believed in Him would receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would teach them. He would remind them of everything Jesus said.

STUDENTS



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THE POINT: God's Word is the map for a consistent life.

- What sources do you consult most often when you need direction?
- In what ways might you need to recalibrate?

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to do one or both Live It Out activities in the Personal Study Guide. Here are some suggested ways to help your student:

*If he or she plans to complete **Hide and Seek**:*

- Talk with your student about the reasons it's important to hide God's Word in our hearts.
- Sit down and identify one or two Scripture passages that you will work together to memorize this week.

*If he or she plans to complete **Have a Plan**:*

- Join your student in identifying a Bible reading plan. You may choose different plans, but you can hold each other accountable by talking about what you are learning.

Discuss the following quote: "The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home."¹—Augustine of Hippo

1. "Augustine of Hippo Quotes," Goodreads [cited 18 November 2015]. Available from the Internet: <http://www.goodreads.com>.