

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: God is holy. Therefore, He must punish sin. From the beginning, God has set a standard of righteousness, and failure to live by that standard brought death and separation from Him. In the end, no one gets by with their sin. As Romans 6:23 says, "The wages of sin is death." But Jesus offers all people forgiveness and grace. No matter what we've done, we can know the freedom of God's forgiveness.

BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE

JOHN 8:12-19

Our Need for Direction

PRESCHOOL



MATTHEW 26:17-30; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

LIVE IT OUT: Help your child remember Jesus and the things He did. Turn through the pages of a Bible with pictures, such as the Read to Me Bible for Kids. Talk about Jesus and the Bible stories represented by the pictures.

Jesus told two of His disciples to get everything ready for a special supper. Jesus said, "Go into the city. You will meet a man. Tell him that I want to eat a special supper with My helpers at his house."

Jesus' helpers did what Jesus told them to do. They got everything ready.

When it was time to eat, Jesus and His helpers sat at the table. Jesus took some bread. He thanked God for it. Jesus tore the bread into pieces. He gave some bread to each helper.

Then Jesus took a cup and said thank You to God. Jesus shared a drink from the cup with each helper.

Jesus wanted His helpers to always remember this special supper they had together. He told His helpers to always remember the things He did for them.

KIDS



JOHN 11:1-44

LIVE IT OUT: Has your child ever experienced the death of a friend or loved one? Talk to your child about what happens to Christians when they die. Find verses in the Bible that affirm that Jesus conquered death.

Lazarus was very sick. His sisters sent a message to Jesus. When Jesus came, Lazarus was dead. He was buried in a tomb. Jesus asked Martha if she believed in Him. Martha said, "I believe You are the Messiah. You are God's Son."

Then Jesus went to Mary. She was very sad. Jesus asked where Lazarus was buried. Mary took Jesus to the tomb.

"Take away the stone," Jesus said.

Martha said, "My brother has been buried for four days."

Jesus told Martha she would see God's glory. The men removed the stone door. Jesus prayed aloud to God. Then with a loud voice, He said, "Lazarus, come out!"

Lazarus came out of the tomb. He was covered with linen strips. His face was covered with a cloth. Jesus told the people to remove the strips and let Lazarus go.

STUDENTS



JOHN 8:12-19

THE POINT: Jesus is the true Light who reveals where we should go.

- What's the darkest, scariest place you've ever visited?
- Where do you see evidence of darkness in today's world?

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 Influence:

- Help your student understand that what we are influenced by will determine our direction in life.

If he or she plans to complete Daily Reading:

- Take time to discuss the daily Scripture readings your student has this week.

Discuss the following quote: "Men come and go; ... He abides. They die, but He lives. They are lights kindled, and... sooner or later quenched; but He is the true light from which they draw all their brightness, and He shines for evermore."¹ —Alexander MacLaren

¹ "Christ our Everlasting Light," Great Quotes for Quoting [online], [cited 16 July 2015]. Available from the Internet: <https://thequotes.wordpress.com/category/satisfaction-in-christ/>