

# ONE CONVERSATION™

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

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

**PSALM 119:89-96**

*God's Word is Relevant*

**CONNECTION POINT:** God's power helps people.

**THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE:** We look to doctors with our health needs. We look to the courts to give us justice. We look to family members to step in and help us with various needs. We need each other, but there is only so much any of us can do. Not so with God. He is the perfect, all-powerful Creator who gives us life. We see these very attributes in Scripture. Because the Bible is His Word, it has always reflected His character and power.

### PRESCHOOL



#### **DEUTERONOMY 24:9-12; JOSHUA 1:1-9**

**LIVE IT OUT:** Read aloud to your child Joshua 1:9. Explain that God is with us all the time. Help your child decorate a cardboard or plastic tag to hang from your car's mirror as a reminder that God is with you wherever you go.

God had a plan for Joshua and the Israelites. God spoke to Joshua and said, "Get ready to cross over the Jordan River to the land I am giving you and the Israelites. I will be with you as long as you live."

God said, "Joshua, be strong and brave. Carefully follow the plan I gave Moses. Remember the rules that were written down so you can obey them. If you obey my rules and follow my plan, you will do well in whatever you do. Do not be afraid; I am with you wherever you go."

Joshua listened to God, like Moses did. The Israelites obeyed the commands Joshua gave them. They showed that they loved God by following His rules. Since they obeyed, God took good care of them.

### KIDS



#### **DEUTERONOMY 34:9-12; JOSHUA 1:1-9**

**LIVE IT OUT:** Review the Bible story with your child. Remind your child that God promised to always be with Joshua. Discuss ways God shows that He is always with your family. Ask your child to pray and thank God for being with your family.

Joshua was Moses' helper for more than 40 years. Before Moses died, he placed his hands on Joshua to show the people that Joshua was filled with God's Spirit.

After Moses died, God spoke to Joshua. "It is time for you and the people to get ready. You will cross over the Jordan River. Then you will be in the land I have given you. I promised Moses that you would have the land." He promised that no one would be able to keep His people out. Then God gave another important promise: He would never leave Joshua!

Three times God told Joshua and the people, "Be strong and brave." He told Joshua to give the land to the people.

God told Joshua to do everything Moses had told them. God wanted Joshua and the people to practice repeating those instructions so they could remember them.

### STUDENTS

**THE POINT:** God's Word will always reflect His character and power.

- Why is it important to know that God's Word will never change?
- What are some practical ways to engage the Scriptures in a way we won't forget?
- How does belonging to God change how we face opposition?

Discuss the following quote: "Do not try to make the Bible relevant. Its relevance is axiomatic. Do not defend God's word, but testify to it. Trust to the Word. It is a ship loaded to the very limits of its capacity."<sup>1</sup>—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

1. Dargan Thompson, "12 Essential Bonhoeffer Quotes," Relevant [online], [accessed 1 May 2016]. Available from the Internet: <http://www.relevantmagazine.com/culture/books/12-essential-bonhoefferquotes#bV05p6m3Eul365Fr.99>.

**LIVE IT OUT:** Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out in the Personal Study Guide.

*Here are some ways you can encourage your students to live out their faith with Christ personally, in community, and in their culture:*

- **CHRIST:** Help your student determine how God's Word can apply to his or her everyday life.
- **COMMUNITY:** Discuss ways you and your student can reveal God's truth and take a stand for God's Word. Areas to examine may include our speech, social media, or relationships.
- **CULTURE:** Standing for the gospel is about staying faithful to what God has called us. Take time with your student to consider what it means to live out God's Word and where to seek help.