

FAMILY CONNECTION

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

WINTER 2023-24

Unit 2, Session 4

CONNECTION POINT:

Faith trusts God to do what no one else can.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: For many people, the idea of faith is reduced to a set of beliefs we adhere to. For them faith is what we believe about God with little regard for what we might trust God to do on our behalf. Faith does not simply look to some future time when our faith will bring us into the presence and kingdom of God; biblical faith can look to God for His involvement and care in our lives now.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:1,8-16

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Play a chanting game, clapping while you chant: “H – E – L – P, I can help others.” Challenge him to name a way to help others.

God took care of Elijah during a time when no rain would fall. God told Elijah to go to a town. There a woman would give him food and water. When Elijah got to the town, a woman was gathering sticks to build a fire.

“Would you bring me some water and a piece of bread?” Elijah asked.

The woman said, “I only have a enough flour and oil to make bread for my son and myself.”

Elijah said, “Go home and make some bread for me. Then make some bread for you and your son. You will have enough flour and oil until God sends rain.”

Each day the woman made bread for Elijah. Then she made bread for herself and her son. The flour and oil were not used up, just as Elijah had said. God took care of Elijah, the woman, and her son.

KIDS

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:1,8-16

Live It Out: Lead your child in planning a way to help someone in need. Remind your child that God leads people to help others.

God sent Elijah to give a message to King Ahab. God said there would be a drought, no rain for three years. God then told Elijah to travel to the city of Zarephath. God had told a widow to take care of Elijah.

When Elijah arrived, the widow was gathering wood. Elijah asked her for some water and bread. The widow explained that she did not have any bread. She only had a handful of flour in a jar and a bit of oil in a jug left. She preparing to make the bread for herself and her son. She believed this would be their last meal because she had no more food.

Elijah told the widow, don't be afraid. God said the flour jar will not become empty and the oil jug will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain to the land.

The widow did what Elijah said. The flour and the oil jar lasted until the rains came.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Luke 8:40-42,49-56

- When have you been in a desperate situation? How did you respond?
- When have you been tempted to see something God said as silly or ridiculous?
- What are the real motivations behind your serving others?

Live It Out: The Bible is a story that points to Jesus as the Redeemer of fallen humanity. Because of sin, all people will die. However, because of Jesus's death and resurrection, those who trust in Him are redeemed from sin and death and are raised to eternal life in Him.

This week, gather with your family, or even as a larger group, and help out in your community. Consider having a cookout and inviting your neighbors, giving away water at a bus stop or a local athletics field, or offering to play games with folks at a local nursing home. No matter the place, share about Jesus or invite people you connect with to church.