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Deuteronomy 6:7

Bible Time

Use the following suggestions and Bible passages to talk with your grade-schooler or teenager about Bible teachings any time, including during Family Bible Time. Additional ideas may be found in your family members' Sunday School resources. Check out the Family Bible Time planning helps on page 5 of this *Life Truths Learner Guide*.

Leading Children

John 11:1-44

In advance, write Luke 1:37, including the reference, on index cards or self-stick notes, one word per card or note. Mix them up and display or stack them where you will be having Family Bible Time.

Remind your child of the miracles of Jesus you have studied the past three weeks (walking on water and calming storm; feeding 5,000; and giving sight to a man born blind). Ask your child what he would consider to be the hardest, most remarkable miracle Jesus could have done. If he has difficulty deciding on an answer, or answers something other than raising someone from death, ask: *What about bringing back to life someone who had died? Would that seem hard to you?*

Point out the cards or self-stick notes, and have your child unscramble the verse. Emphasize what an important truth this is for Christians. Read the verse several times, then begin taking away one card or note before reading the verse again. Repeat the process until your child can say the complete verse from memory.

State that since nothing is impossible with God, Jesus was able to bring someone who had died back to life. Open your Bible to John 11 and tell the story of Lazarus. As you did last week, emphasize that although Jesus can perform this kind of miracle, He usually does not choose to do so. Stress that His being able to raise Lazarus from the dead helps show people how special Jesus is and should cause them to praise God for Jesus and who He is. Ask your child how he would like to praise God for who Jesus is, then have him lead you in doing so.

Leading Students

John 6:30-36, 41-47, 66-69

Share devotional time around the table where you have family mealtimes. If possible, do this when your teens are hungry. Provide some type of bread as a snack. As you start your time, allow your family to fellowship and eat the bread. During this time discuss the characteristics of bread, its purpose, how bread satisfies our hunger, and whether this is temporal or permanent.

Read John 6:35. Ask why Jesus referred to Himself as the Bread of life. Explain that as bread satisfies our physical hunger, so Jesus satisfies our spiritual needs. Jesus is all we need. He is all-sufficient. Ask teens to share unmet needs in their life. Discuss ways these needs can be met. Encourage teens to turn these over to God. Challenge your family to be intentional about seeking people who have unmet needs. Ask: What actions can we take this week to assist in meeting these needs?

State that one unmet need of some people is spiritual, their need for Jesus. Ask teens to pray for the Spirit's guidance to know who needs to hear about Jesus. Point out that they must be ready to move at His prompting. This requires being alert and ready. Discuss ways to approach others to share with them about Jesus, what to share, and how to handle different responses.

Distribute Scripture memory cards that you have prepared in advance (Rom. 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9-10) and challenge your teens to memorize these as a tool for telling others about Christ. Remind them that the way they live their lives is a witness that speaks volumes.

Pray, thanking God for sending Jesus to meet all of our needs. Pray for those with unmet needs.