

Unit 7

Jesus is our Friend and Savior

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9

When your family sits down to share God’s Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <https://davidcook.org/echoes/resources> to watch **Jesus is our Friend and Savior** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in March.

In the video, the kids shared their thoughts about who Jesus is. They shared about Jesus as loving, forgiving, and a good friend.

- How would you describe who Jesus is?

Sin separates us, or keeps us apart, from God. God loves us so much that He didn’t want that separation. He wants us to be with Him forever. But sin has to be punished. God’s plan to punish sin is death. (That’s pretty scary, isn’t it?) Instead of each of us paying the price for our sins though, God sent His Son, Jesus, to earth. In our Bible stories this unit, we see Jesus showing forgiveness to Matthew and the paralyzed man. We also see how He is a friend to Nicodemus. Through Jesus, we can experience forgiveness from our sins and live in a close relationship with God!

- What does it mean that Jesus is our friend and savior?
- Memorize 1 John 1:9. How does this verse help you understand Jesus as your savior?
- As a family, create a drawing or something else that shows what it means that Jesus is your savior.

End with a short prayer: Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus, Your Son, to be our friend and savior so we can live with You forever. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Unit 8 Living a Godly Life

“But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

John 20:31

When your family sits down to share God’s Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <http://bibleinlife.com/video/> to watch **Living a Godly Life** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in April.

The kids in the video shared about the things they do to show their love for Jesus. Their ideas including helping friends who are sick, serving on the worship team, helping people in hard times, and spending time with God.

- What are some ways that you show your love for God?

All people are sinful and broken. They need to be brought back to their loving God. God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay for all our sins. Jesus died on the cross, BUT HE DIDN’T STAY DEAD! He rose from the dead. Because Jesus paid the price for our sins, our relationship with God is fixed, and we can live forever with Him.

- Why is Jesus’ resurrection a big deal to you?
- Memorize John 20:31. How does this verse help you understand what Easter really means?
- How can your family share with others the news of Jesus being alive?

End with a short prayer: Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us—enough to die for all our sins and then coming back to life again so we can live with You forever. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Unit 9 Getting Along

“In humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”

Philippians 2:3–4

When your family sits down to share God’s Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <http://bibleinlife.com/video/> to watch **Getting Along** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in May.

In this video, the kids talked about how they try to get along with others, especially people in their families. They shared about serving through cooking and cleaning, buying gifts, listening, and not being bossy.

- How do you think having a relationship with Jesus changes how we treat others?

People who believe that Jesus rose from the dead want to share God’s love with others. They often do that together in groups and communities. They share God’s love by doing what God tells them to do in His Word—like getting along with others. Living at peace with others shows them who God is. In this unit’s Bible stories, we learned how Joseph chose to live at peace with his brothers, even when they’d betrayed them. Joseph’s godly choices helped his brothers understand what God’s grace and forgiveness are like.

- Why do you think God wants His people to live at peace with each other?
- Memorize Philippians 2:3–4. What can it look like to get along with the people around you?
- How can each person in your family practice getting along with others?

End with a short prayer: Dear God, help us to get along with others, doing our best to live at peace with everyone. In Jesus’ name, amen.