

# BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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## CONVERSATION

### Paul Taught Peter

#### GALATIANS 2

Paul wrote to the Galatians about going to Jerusalem with Barnabas and Titus. He went quietly to talk with the leaders, James, Peter and John. When they heard he was sent to preach the gospel to the Gentiles—those who were not Jews—they welcomed Paul and Barnabas. They all agreed Paul should go and preach to the Gentiles.

In Antioch, Paul heard that Peter (sometimes called *Cephas*) often spoke to the Gentiles and ate meals with them ... at least for a while. But when other believing Jews came to Antioch, Peter stopped spending time with the Gentiles or eating with them. Others saw what Peter did and they, too, withdrew from the Gentiles. Even Barnabas changed what he was doing.

Paul knew this was not right! He was so disappointed with Peter, and he scolded Peter in front of everyone. “Sometimes you are comfortable with Gentiles, living like they do. And yet, other times you expect them to change who they are and follow Jewish rules.”

Paul reminded Peter that no one is saved except by faith in Jesus. Paul told Peter that he did not have to worry about following old ways of doing things. Following rules does not save people; faith in Jesus does! God offers new life in Christ to all believers.

**WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE:** Galatians 2:20

**LIFE POINT:** People can help others know how to live as believers in Jesus.



#### THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, in today's Bible story your child learned that people can help others know how to live as believers in Jesus. In Paul's letter to the Galatians, he helped Peter share the love of Jesus with all people, and not only with those who were like him.

#### LIVE IT OUT

Talk with your child about his teachers at church. Remind him that they are following God's command to teach about Jesus and help him live as a believer in Jesus. Encourage your child to write a thank-you note to one or more of his teachers, mentioning something specific he learned.

#### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God works through people to do work in their communities and world.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

**Sunday:** Galatians 2:20

**Monday:** Ephesians 4:15

**Tuesday:** 2 Timothy 3:15

**Wednesday:** 1 Corinthians 11:1

**Thursday:** Hebrews 6:1

**Friday:** 2 Corinthians 5:17

**Saturday:** Luke 8:15

**TAKE IT FURTHER:** Check out the *Paul Taught Peter* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.

## SPRING 2020

Unit 3, Session 5

### CONNECTION POINT:

Strong relationships are not hindered by differences of opinion.

### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** Some people feel like they can have nothing to do with a person who believes differently. At the other end are those who say we must not only accept any differences, but we must endorse those differences, as if it's OK to have that opposing view. We need to recapture what it means to accept another person. The Book of Romans gives us practical direction on how we do this, especially within the body of Christ.

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

## PRESCHOOL

**Scripture:** Acts 10

**Live It Out:** Tell your preschooler that all people need to know about Jesus. Help her think of people she sees. Pray with your child that those people will know about Jesus.

Cornelius and his family loved God. An angel gave Cornelius a message from God when he was praying. The angel told Cornelius to find a man named Peter.

Cornelius sent some men to find Peter. When the men found Peter, they said, "Cornelius wants to hear what you have to say."

Peter and the men went to Cornelius' house. Cornelius was there, with family and friends.

Peter told them, "God loves everyone. God wants me to tell you about Jesus." Peter said that Jesus was God's Son. Peter told that Jesus taught people about God. Peter told about the good things Jesus did, like making sick people well.

Cornelius, his family, and friends listened to Peter. They believed everything Peter told them about Jesus. They loved Jesus, too.

## KIDS

**Scripture:** Galatians 2

**Live It Out:** Encourage your child to write a thank-you note to one or more of his teachers. Remind him to mention something specific he learned.

Paul went to Jerusalem. Barnabas and Titus went with him. Paul told the leaders in the church that God wanted him to tell people about Jesus. God told Paul to tell the gospel message to the Gentiles.

The leaders welcomed Paul and Barnabas as missionaries to the Gentiles. The leaders asked Paul to teach the Gentiles how to follow Jesus, especially how to care for the poor.

Later, when Peter came to Antioch, Paul noticed that Peter stopped eating with the Gentiles. Peter was afraid of what the Jewish people would think of him. Other Jewish Christians began to stay away from Gentile Christians, even Barnabas.

Paul told Peter that God loves everyone and it was not right for Peter to avoid Gentiles. Paul said Jesus died for everyone's sin. Paul taught Peter how to live as a believer in Jesus.

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** Romans 14:1-4,13-19

- How should we treat others when we disagree as Christ-followers?
- How can we identify if an action or attitude is a stumbling block?
- What are some specific ways we can pursue peace with those with whom we have differences of opinion?

**Live It Out:** Throughout our lives, we will have differences of opinion with many people. Considering we spend so much time with our family and feel safest to express ourselves fully at home, we're going to have perhaps the most disagreements with family members. However, we're called to love our family in a special way, and even during disagreements, we should work hard to make sure the members of our family know we love and value them.

Ask your student if he or she is holding onto any bitterness towards another person. If so, consider a few ways you can work to forgive and heal the relationship. Be sure to show the other person that you care enough to work through any disagreement.