

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE™

1 SAMUEL 24:1-15

Concept: Deny Self

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: At the heart of most conflict is the desire to get what I want or to have things my way. That sets the tone for conflict among siblings, spouses, entire nations, and in every relationship in between. As Jesus empowers us to deny ourselves and put others first, we can avoid unnecessary conflict.

PRESCHOOL



1 SAMUEL 14:49; 18:1-4; 20:1-42

LIFE POINT: Be kind.

- What gifts did Jonathan give to David?
- Why did Jonathan give David gifts?
- How did Jonathan warn David that he was in danger?

LIVE IT OUT: Draw a smiling face on one paper plate and a frowning face on another. Talk with your preschooler about several situations she might face with her friends, such as sharing toys and being kind or unkind. Ask her to choose which face represents the way she feels in each situation. Explain that being kind and sharing helps everyone feel happy.

KIDS



1 SAMUEL 24

LIFE POINT: Doing the right thing means showing love, even when it's hard.

- How did David show that he would not harm Saul?
- What reason did he give for not harming Saul?

LIVE IT OUT: Help your child think of one person with whom she has conflict. Challenge her to do one thing that shows she cares about that person.

STUDENTS



1 SAMUEL 24:1-15

THE POINT: Conflict can arise when I'm thinking only of myself.

- What's something you refuse to share?
- What tempts people to take matters into their own hands?

Have a conversation around this quote: "Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less."¹ —C. S. Lewis

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to do one or both Live It Out activities in the Personal Study Guide. Here are some suggested ways to help your student:

*If he chose to complete **Who Is First?**:*

- Share with your student about someone or something you've put first in your life that you shouldn't have.
- Let your student know that putting Christ first is a process and will take time.

*If he chose to do **Be That Friend?**:*

- Ask him if you can pray for the person he's trying to reach.
- Encourage him throughout the week as he tries to reach out.

1. Marian Jordan, *Radiant* (Nashville, TN: B&H Publishing Group, 2010), 116.