

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

CONNECTION POINT: God wants to have a relationship with us, so we should reach out to others.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: It's only natural that we gravitate to the people we know best and those who are like us. It's easier to interact with people with whom we share a common interest or background. The problem arises when those friendships drive us to overlook others, ignore them, or worse, show preferential treatment. Jesus, on the other hand, loves all people the same. Scripture calls us to see people as Jesus does.

BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE

JAMES 2:1-10

Open Arms

STUDENTS

THE POINT: Welcoming others is more than a friendly "hello."

- When have you felt like "the new kid"?
- What are some ways we might be tempted to show favoritism today?
- What motivates people to show partiality and favoritism?
- What does being "rich in faith" look like in real life?
- What is the connection between our relationship with God and our relationship with others?
- What are some reasons favoritism and love will never go together?

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

Here are some ways you can encourage your students to live out their faith with Christ personally, in community, and in their culture:

- **CHRIST:** Tell your student about a time when God worked through you to impact another.
- **COMMUNITY:** Ask your student about favoritism in the church and consider ways he or she can be more welcoming to everyone.
- **CULTURE:** As a family, brainstorm some ideas to better love and show value to those feeling unloved in your church or community. Put those ideas into practice.