## **Journal Page**

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

#### **FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS**

- How can we know what is true?
- What does it mean to stand up for what is true?
- How can we stand up for what is true while still loving others?

## **Defending the Faith**

Jude

#### STORY POINT: JUDE URGED BELIEVERS TO STAND UP FOR WHAT IS TRUE

Jude wanted other believers to share this good news about Jesus and to stand up for what is true about Him. Jude wrote a letter to his friends.

"Dear friends, I urge you to stand up boldly for what is true—for the faith that God has given to His people." Jude explained that some people among them

made ungodly choices.

Jude reminded them that people would make fun of believers and the truth. These people would grumble and complain. They would live however they wanted, lying to get what they want and sinning against God. These people do not have the Holy Spirit. They are unbelievers who bring division to the church.

But believers build themselves up in the faith to stand for what is right. They let the Holy Spirit guide them as they pray. "Remember God's truth," Jude wrote. "He loves you. Jesus will come and give you eternal life."

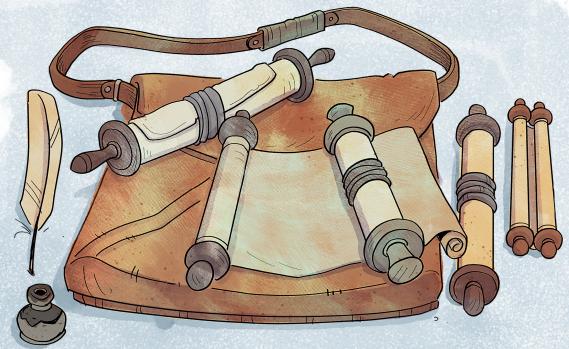
Jude told the believers to show mercy to those who doubt, to lead others to Jesus, and to hate sin.

Christ Connection: Jude warned the early Christians that some people would try to divide them by sinning and by teaching things that weren't true. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life—the One who protects His people from sin. Because of Jesus, we will be able to stand before God with joy.

# Bible Books Challenge Fill in the names of the Bible books. Circle the last book.

### General Letters

- H\_\_\_r\_w\_
- J\_\_\_m\_\_\_
- 1P \_\_\_t \_\_\_r
- 2\_\_\_\_t\_\_r
- 1J\_\_\_n
- 2J\_\_\_h\_\_
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Dear Friend | Jude wrote a letter to his friends. Write a letter to a friend. Use the following words or phrases in your letter: Jude, Jesus, faith, stand up, sin, truth, love.

