



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE<sup>®</sup>

Session 3: Redemption Found  
Suggested Week of Use: June 20, 2021  
Core Passage: Job 19:19-29

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### News Story Summary

Earlier this month, seventeen-year-old Hailey Morinico looked outside to see her dogs barking at a bear atop a dividing wall. She saw the bear grab at one of the dogs and wanted to protect it. She charged at the bear and shoved the large bear off the wall. Then she picked up one of the dogs and ran back inside. She explained later that she did not realize it was a bear until after she had pushed it. None of the dogs was injured and Hailey came away with a sprained finger and knee. Experts point out that the teenager was fortunate and recommended not taking this type of action when a bear is involved.

For more about this story, search “teenager shoves bear to protect dogs”

### Focus Attention

To replace the opening activity under Focus Attention, write the following on a large sheet of paper: *Loyalty is...* As the group arrives, instruct them to write a short definition or example of loyalty on the paper. After most have arrived, review the recorded responses. Ask: *What is the opposite of loyalty?* Allow adults to respond.

Share the story of the teenager who demonstrated loyalty to her dogs by protecting them from a bear. Ask: *Would you show this kind of loyalty to your family pets? When have you demonstrated loyalty to a friend or a family member?* Emphasize the value placed on loyal friends. Complete the step using the Transition idea.

### Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Evaluate idea under Summarize and Challenge, distribute notecards and pens. Point out that the teenager who rescued her mom’s dogs showed compassion and faithfulness to her animals. Direct the group to record times in the past week when someone showed compassion to them through actions. Allow the group to share their experience with another person in the group. Invite the partners to analyze why we are sometimes compassionate and at other times judgmental. Complete the step as written.