

Use the following thoughts and questions to have one spiritual conversation. You can pick and choose, use them all or just allow the statement to be your guide. The emphasis shouldn't be about having all the answers, but simply having a conversation.

Scripture

Genesis 11:1-9

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

God judges and disrupts human attempts to thwart His glory.

This main point is the biblical truth the student's study was built around. Each week there will be one statement that ties the whole study together. These would be great statements to remember together. The hope is that thoughts and ideas will stem from these statements. You can also begin by sharing a thought of your own that you learned during your study of the same session. Ask what thoughts were surprising as the study was taught.

2. Thought From the Study

In Genesis 11, God confused the language of those who sought to make known the greatness of their own name and of their own kingdom. Thousands of years later, at Pentecost, God tore down the language barrier so that His people would scatter across the world and make known the great name of His Son. Not only that, but this theme of judgment combined with mercy found throughout Genesis and the rest of the Old Testament points to the cross of Jesus. The cross is the ultimate display of both God's judgment and His mercy. At the cross, God fully poured out His wrath against our sin, but He also poured out the fullness of His mercy and grace when He let His own Son take the punishment for our sin.

► **How can we tell if we are pursuing success apart from a relationship with God?**

3. Quote for Discussion

Discuss this quote together. How does this change your understanding of a relationship with Jesus?

"The real attitude of sin in the heart towards God is that of being without God; it is pride, the worship of myself, that is the great atheistic fact in human life." —Oswald Chambers

4. Conversation Questions

Use these questions to begin thinking through and applying the lessons to your family life:

1. How well would you say we pursue humility and fight pride in our family?
2. Why is it so important for our family to consult God in the decisions we make?
3. What are some successes our family has experienced? Did we take the credit for those or did we glorify God?
4. What are some practical ways our family can make sure we are working to advance God's kingdom, not our own desires?