

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

Joshua 6:1-5,15-25

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

God fights on behalf of His people when they respond in obedience.

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

God used a seemingly foolish battle plan to accomplish His purpose. As Paul says in the New Testament, "God has chosen what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen what is weak in the world to shame the strong" (1 Cor. 1:27). Throughout this action plan, we see that the Israelites must be involved. God will execute what the Israelites implement. God's people must participate in the battle of Jericho by marching around the city, and as a result God will give them victory by bringing down the walls. By acting in faith, these massive walls will implode upon themselves without a bulldozer or a wrecking ball because God Himself will bring them down.

► **Have you ever questioned something you sensed God leading you to do? If so, how did you respond?**

3. Quote for Discussion

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

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." —Augustine of Hippo

4. Conversation Questions

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

- 1. What obstacles do we as a family sometimes see as insurmountable?**
- 2. When have we been surprised by the way God has worked things out for our family in the past?**
- 3. What are some ways we can help one another focus on and obey God's plans instead of on our fears or our own abilities?**
- 4. How well would you say our family displays our faith "in action"? When has this helped us share our faith "in words"?**