

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

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 3:16-4:3; 12:9-14

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

Because God exists, life has meaning and purpose.

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

The opening verses of Ecclesiastes introduce us to the question: Does life have meaning? While Solomon's response initially seems to be quite gloomy and sorrowful, it is important to realize that Solomon is presenting two very different pictures to his readers—a life without God and a life with God. After reflecting on a world without God, Solomon comes to the conclusion that all life under this scenario would be meaningless and futile.

► **Do you tend to look at the world through the lens of your circumstances or through the lens of your hope in Christ?**

3. Quote for Discussion

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

“What is true of the universe and of the human race is also true of us as individuals...If God does not exist, then you are just a miscarriage of nature, thrust into a purposeless universe to live a purposeless life.” —William Lane Craig

4. Conversation Questions

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

- 1. How does faith in Christ keep our family from giving in to a negative view of life?**
- 2. In what way does our family view our purpose? How do we answer the question “What are we on earth for?”**
- 3. What are some ways our family can look to Jesus for the answers to life's deepest questions?**