

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

1 Samuel 15:10-29

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

When it comes to following God, half-hearted obedience is still disobedience.

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

Saul believed he was successful—he completed his mission and returned with a prisoner king as well as livestock for a sacrifice to God. He should be honored right? Wrong. Disobedience is still disobedience no matter what gain or “good” may come as a result.

► **What examples of half-hearted obedience have you witnessed in your own life?**

3. Quote for Discussion

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

“The best measure of a spiritual life is not its ecstasies, but its obedience.” – Oswald Chambers

4. Conversation Questions

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

1. How can our family commit to fully obeying God?

2. What are some common rationalizations we give for our sin? How can we learn to view all sin as disobedience?

3. What is the difference between sacrifice and obedience? How does our family sometimes sacrifice without obeying?