

*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 Kings 18:17-39

**1. Opening Statement**

*Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:*

**Pursuing false gods leads to enslavement, but submission to the one true God leads to freedom.**

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.

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**2. Thought From the Study**

Today's society has become so skeptical that we think intelligent people constantly question everything. Our society's intellectual wavering has led us into accepting a pluralistic view of religious beliefs, which is the belief that says, "All religions are equally true." Elijah dealt with a similar problem when the Israelites wavered in their loyalty and faith in Yahweh as the true God.

- ▶ **What were the two opinions Elijah referenced? In what ways do you sometimes waver between serving God and serving "other gods"?**

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**3. Quote for Discussion**

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

**False gods push us to mutilate ourselves because we desperately want to win their approval. But only one God was ever mutilated for us—Jesus Christ. —JD Greear**

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**4. Conversation Questions**

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

- 1. Elijah stood on the side of truth in the midst of widespread opposition to him and his belief in God. What are some ways our family can do the same when we face opposition today?**
- 2. Why is it important for our family not to overlook the fact that God's display of power was not only for His glory, but so that the people might also turn from their false gods to the one true God?**
- 3. What are some "altars" our family has established that have caused us to neglect our relationship to God?**
- 4. As a family, discuss "false gods" in our day that consume our time and effort (in reference to both Christians and non-Christians)?**