

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

Nehemiah 4:7-14; 5:1-13; 6:15-16

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

God calls us to do the right thing in the right way.

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 good news is that while the enemies of God's people plotted together to stop their task (4:8), God's people stood confident in the face of conflict. The Israelites armed themselves with prayer and persevered in obedience. Simply put, in the face of opposition, God's people guarded one another and continued building the wall.

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3. Quote for Discussion

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

"Wisdom is the power to see, and the inclination to choose, the best and highest goal, together with the surest means of attaining it." —J. I. Packer

4. Conversation Questions

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

1. Fear is a strong force that often keeps us from fulfilling God's will for our lives. What are some specific ways that we, as a family, can fight fear with faith?
2. Why is it important for our family to keep a close watch on our own lives as we seek to be obedient to the will and commands of God?
3. When has our family witnessed God doing something so amazing that we realized "only God could have done this"?
4. What are some areas of compromise and blind spots our family tends to fall into? How can we guard against this?