



SESSION 4

ONE CONVERSATION

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

Luke 2:40-52

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

Jesus modeled for us love for God's Word and obedience to God's will.

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

Jesus' kindness and compassion, as well as the moving words He spoke, drew men and women to Him throughout the brief years of His time on Earth. This is what He had in mind when He encouraged His followers to shine like lights in a darkened world. We are not to hide our lights, just as Jesus did not. Whatever the cost, we must risk gaining favor as Jesus gained favor, by engaging with the Word and the world around us.

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- **Even though He is the Son of God, Jesus listened to and asked questions of the teachers in the temple. What can we learn from His example?**
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3. Quote for Discussion

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

Jesus has chosen this crucial stage in his life, on the brink of manhood, to tell his parents in an unforgettable way that he now knows who his real Father is and what it will mean for His mission. —John Piper

4. Conversation Questions

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

1. What are some ways our family cultivates a love of learning when it comes to God's Word? How can we improve in this area?
2. What was the connection between Jesus' love for God's Word and His involvement in God's work? In what ways do God's Word and God's work intersect the life of our family?
3. Like Jesus, what character qualities should our family try to cultivate in our lives in order to grow in favor with those around us?
4. Take a minute to allow each family member to answer the following: Have you grown up in a home with other Christians? If so, in what ways has that influence encouraged you to take ownership of your own faith?