

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

John 3:1-21

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

Regeneration is God's supernatural transformation of believers.

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

In Moses' day, there was no cure apart from God's instruction. The people could have tried their homemade remedies to save themselves from the serpents' bites, but none of those remedies would have had any effect. There was only way to be healed, and it was through gazing upon the bronze snake lifted high on the pole. In a similar way, Jesus explained that He too would be lifted up. The only way for people to receive eternal life—healing from the sickness of sin and pardon from the penalty of death—would be to gaze upon Him in faith.

► **What did Jesus mean when He said He would be “lifted up”? Why is it important that He was “lifted up”?**

3. Quote for Discussion

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

Christianity without conversion is no longer Christian, because conversion means turning to God. —David Wells

4. Conversation Questions

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

1. As a family, discuss how you would you respond to someone who says they consult Jesus as a good moral guide, but does not recognize Him as the Son of God.
2. How does Jesus' interaction with Nicodemus provide a model for how our family engages with those who are religious but not committed to Christ?
3. How does God's gift of salvation impact our family?
4. Even though salvation is God's work, why do you think the Bible stresses our role in sharing the gospel with others? What are some ways our family can engage in sharing the gospel with others?