

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 John 3:10-18

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

Love for God and love for others is the fruit of true Christianity.

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

None of us will love others perfectly, but the fact that we don't love perfectly should still rattle us. Christ-followers' main desire is to honor God with every moment, and the natural fruit of His disciples will be a deep and abiding love for others. As recipients of the merciful and powerful love of Christ, let's walk forward—marked by love—in grateful worship, allowing the love of God to spill over to those we encounter.

► **What are some practical ways you can show love to the people around you?**

3. Quote for Discussion

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

Love is not an affectionate feeling, but a steady wish for the loved person's ultimate good as far as it can be obtained.

—C. S. Lewis

4. Conversation Questions

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

1. How can our family encourage each other as we grow in love for Jesus and others?
2. What are two ways our family can show love to our neighbors, friends, or other church members this week?
3. Who are some family friends who don't know Jesus or are even hostile to the gospel? How can we pray for them this week?
4. In what ways is it sometimes tempting for our family to be like the Scribes and Pharisees?