

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.

### **1. Opening Statement**

**Begin your conversation by asking about this statement:**

The account of Moses and the rock reveals humanity's grumbling toward God, God's mercy toward humanity, and Jesus' sacrifice for sinners.

This statement 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 lesson. Ask what thoughts were surprising as the study was taught.

### **2. Thought From the Study**

The ultimate point of the story about Moses striking the rock was to anticipate Jesus the struck Rock—the Savior by whose death the living water of eternal life has been abundantly provided. Surely those of us who have come to Jesus are now called to point others to Him. His atoning death ultimately transforms our selfish desires into a longing to share this living water with those who know they are spiritually thirsty.

Why is Jesus better than anything else we might turn to?

### **3. Quote for Discussion**

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

“It was God, in the person of Jesus Christ, who stood on the Rock. It was Christ who was struck with the rod of God's justice in the place of guilty people.” —Nancy Guthrie

### **4. Conversation Questions**

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

1. Why is it important for our family to understand God's mercy toward humanity?
2. How can embracing God's mercy strengthen our family relationship?
3. How does Jesus' sacrifice shape our family's ability to know God?
4. How does God's mercy toward us motivate our family to live on mission for Him?