

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 the bronze serpent points to punishment for sin, rescuing by Christ, and foundations for mission.

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 account of the Israelites in the wilderness illustrates how God undid the serpent's work. They looked at the bronze serpent on the pole—the reminder of their sin—and found a divine cure. In an infinitely greater way, we may look in faith to the crucified Son of Man. Only at the cross do we find God's cure. When we repent and believe in the One who became sin for us, we become the righteousness of God—but only when we are “in Him” by faith. We have been entrusted with the life-giving message of the gospel, and we urge others to be reconciled to God. “Look and live” is to be the heart-cry of every follower of Jesus to those who are perishing.

Why is it important to first understand sin rightly before truly understanding the good news of salvation in Christ?

3. Quote for Discussion

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

“Whoever has been bitten by the snakes of sin need only gaze on Christ and have healing for the forgiveness of sins.” —Augustine

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 the importance of rescuing by Christ?
2. How can our family relationship be strengthened by looking to the cross to find God's cure for our sin problem?
3. How does Christ's sacrifice for our sins shape our family's ability to know God?
4. How does the realization that there is urgency in delivering God's message motivate our family to live on mission for Him?