



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 Eighth Commandment shows that God forbids stealing, stealing includes dishonesty, and we should give and not take.

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

God forbids stealing—taking something that does not belong to us. The Command covers a wide range of dishonest practices birthed in a heart gripped by possessions instead of the One from whom all good things come. Because of Christ, we are set free from our slavery to things and are given new, generous hearts that aid us in our mission.

Explain the connection between stealing and idolatry of the heart. Why is it important to not overlook this connection?

3. Quote for Discussion

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

“The Eighth Commandment isn't just about stealing; it's also about stewardship.” –Philip Ryken

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 many avenues of dishonest living?
2. How can our family relationship be strengthened by adopting the attitude of giving, not taking?
3. How does our sin debt being paid by Jesus shape our family's ability to know God?
4. How does God's generosity in our lives motivate our family to live on mission for Him?