



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 Fifth Commandment intends for children to respect the authority of their parents, reward them with joy, and reflect the Savior to them.

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

Our mission is enhanced by how we treat those in authority over us. In honoring our parents (even when they are not deserving), we demonstrate to a watching world the power of the gospel.

How does a Christian view of authority differ from a worldly view of authority?

3. Quote for Discussion

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

"It's your parents you see when you first open your eyes, and it is their friendship that lays down the first strands of this life. If anyone fails to honor his parents, is there anyone he will spare?" –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 the children in our family to respect the authority of the parents?
2. How can our family relationship be strengthened as a result of understanding biblical authority?
3. How does your relationship with your parents impact how you view God?
4. How is our mission impacted by the way we treat those in authority over us?