



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:

As the church, Christians are to uphold the Bible, preach the gospel, and testify to the world.

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

To be a witness does not mean you are just trying to get people to change religions or adhere to Christian morality. To be a witness means you are representing the truth of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection and lordship. It means your identity is defined by the love of God shown most clearly in the cross of Jesus Christ. You are a witness of Someone, not just something.

Why is it significant that Jesus gives us the identity of "witness," not just the task of "witnessing"?

3. Quote for Discussion

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

"If you are going to serve Christ to the very ends of the earth, take care that you begin at home." —Charles Spurgeon

4. Conversation Questions

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

1. What are some things we enjoy talking about as a family? Is Christ one of those things? Why or why not?
2. How can we make Christ a regular part of our family conversations?
3. If someone asked you what "forgiveness of sins" means, what would you say? How well do we model forgiveness in our family?
4. How can we doing a better job of modeling Christ when it comes to forgiving one another? How might this help us grow closer to Christ and grow closer as a family?