

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.

Scripture

Genesis 12:1-4; 15:1-6; 17:1-14

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

God chooses a nation through which He will reverse the curse of sin and reclaim the world as His kingdom.

This main point 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 session. Ask what thoughts were surprising as the study was taught.

2. Thought From the Study

In Galatians 3, the apostle Paul pointed to Abraham's faith as a model of saving faith. Paul argued that we are not justified (declared righteous before God) by trying to keep the rules (Gal. 3:11). Those who break God's law are cursed, and we're all law-breakers. But the good news is that Christ became that curse for us on the cross (3:13). Justification only comes through faith in Jesus, and just as with Abraham, God credits His righteousness to our account (3:6-7). Today, we too are called to trust the promises of God.

► **What kind of person will a rules-focused life cause us to become? Do you think that's what God wants?**

3. Quote for Discussion

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

"Saving faith is faith in God's provision, not our performance." —Tim Keller, *Galatians for You*

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 live every day in obedience to God?
2. How does the way our family lives affect our mission as God's people?
3. How can obeying God even when we don't understand how He is working strengthen our family relationship?
4. In what ways could our family do better when it comes to trusting God with the future?