

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

Leviticus 1:3-9; 2:1-3; 3:1-5

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

Atonement is needed for removal of guilt, restoration of service, and reconciliation with God.

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

Christ's death fulfilled the symbolism of Israel's rituals. He offered His own blood on behalf of others, not needing the blood of another because He had no sin. He entered the heavenly "most holy place" rather than the earthly copy of the most holy place. (See last week's study.) He obtained "eternal redemption" rather than a temporary atonement. He removed our guilt forever through the blood offering of Himself to God: "For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are sanctified. ... Now where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer an offering for sin" (Heb. 10:14,18).

► **As with the grain offering, what are some ways we can express our gratitude to God today?**

3. Quote for Discussion

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

"And so, like a sheaf of grain, the firstfruits of the earth, he offered himself to the Father for our sake."

—Cyril of Alexandria

4. Conversation Questions

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

1. When has a family member made a sacrifice for you? What does this say about their love for you? How does this help you appreciate Jesus' even greater love and sacrifice for you?

2. What are ways we express a restored relationship with others today?