

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

Matthew 21:1-17

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

Jesus is the Savior who came to restore true worship.

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

According to Jesus, the Father is seeking true worship (John 4:23-24), and Jesus seeks those who seek His Father's face. However, when Jesus entered the temple, He saw inauthentic worship. Rather than a place of gathering for the nations to pray, the temple was a demonstration of commerce with shimmering coins and cooing doves. Far from shining the glory of God, the temple glimmered with the glory of man.

- ▶ **Does Jesus' reaction surprise you? Why or why not?**
- ▶ **How would you have responded if you were with Jesus or in the temple when this occurred?**

3. Quote for Discussion

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

Only the redeeming, all-powerful, transforming grace of God can raise our sin-besotted heart from the dead, give us eternal life, and set our gaze on Jesus, our blessed hope. — Gloria Furman

4. Conversation Questions

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

1. What can our family learn from the way Jesus cleansed the temple? How should this affect the way we worship?
2. As a family, discuss the difference between being angry and having a holy anger.
3. When has our family been driven out of a desire to praise and worship God?
4. How can our family give God the glory and honor due to Him, our King?