

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

Acts 23:1-24

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

God calls us to courageously stand for the gospel no matter what.

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

Nothing could have encouraged Paul more in that prison cell than the resurrected Christ. Earlier that day, Paul had stood up for Jesus. The promised presence of Jesus had given him the hope and confidence he needed as he stood before the Sanhedrin. Paul experienced that presence in a powerful way as Jesus stood by him.

► **How has Jesus' presence comforted and encouraged you in difficult seasons of your life?**

3. Quote for Discussion

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

When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die. —Dietrich Bonhoeffer

4. Conversation Questions

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

1. What are some examples of God doing something amazing through difficult circumstances our family has faced?
2. Who has God used to influence our family's way of life?
3. How is God using our family to influence others?
4. In what ways can our family members support each other to courageously face difficult circumstances?