

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

Colossians 1:15–2:3

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

Jesus is restoring the world, us to God, and us to one another.

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

Just as Christ is preeminent in His reconciling creation, He is also preeminent in His reconciling us to God—which He accomplished through taking on the flesh and laying down His life on our behalf. Because of the blood He shed on the cross, we are no longer alienated, hostile, and evil. That is the old person who was put to death with Christ on the cross. In that person's place, we have received new life—new identity—in Christ. And it is this new person who has been declared holy, faultless, and blameless Christ presents to the Father. This is the fundamental change of Christ's reconciliation. He has undone sin's curse. He has restored what was broken. He has made right what was wrong. He has accomplished this work of reconciliation, not us. And this is why He receives all the glory of our salvation.

► **How have you been changed from who you were before Christ? How does Christ continue to change you?**

3. Quote for Discussion

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

I know now, Lord, why you utter no answer. You are yourself the answer. Before your face questions die away.

—C. S. Lewis

4. Conversation Questions

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

1. Who does our family need to reconcile with? What steps can we take to do that this week?
2. What do you think Paul would have written about the love within our family? What about the way our family loves the church?
3. What are some ways our family can guard against bad theology?
4. How does the knowledge that Christ created and sustains all things affect the way our family treats issues like recycling and endangered animals?