

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Exodus 32:1-14

Session Summary

When Moses didn't come back immediately from his meeting with God on the mountain, the people became restless. So, the Israelites asked Aaron to make a god for them, and he did. Ironically, Aaron used some of the spoils the people gathered in Egypt to make the idol—the Israelites wouldn't have been able to plunder the Egyptians alone. God had provided for them, but they were impatient and wanted to provide for themselves. God saw what was going on and commanded Moses to return to the people immediately. He was angry with His people. But Moses pleaded with God to hold back His anger and remember the promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God relented, meaning He let up and resisted releasing His wrath on His people.

Conversation Questions

- What are some things people worship (idols) today? What idols is our family sometimes tempted to worship?
- Which parts of life does our family expect to satisfy us? When have we seen those things fall short?
- When has God shown our family that He alone is worthy of our praise and worship?
- How can we fight the temptation to believe that prayer is “all we can do” rather than recognizing it's the most powerful thing we can do for others?

Family Challenge

Just like Moses interceded for the Israelites when God was angry with them, we can intercede for others too. Often times people, especially those who don't know God, don't understand that what they're doing is disobedience. As a family, come up with a list of people, equal to the number of people in your family. Assign each family member a person from the list to pray for—and not the person they suggested. Each family member should pray for both the person on the list and for opportunities for the family member who knows that person to share the gospel with them.