

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

1 Samuel 3:1–4:1

1. Opening Statement

Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:

God's people are called to hear, obey, and share God's Word with others.

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

Eli called for Samuel the next morning to find out what the word of God was. Samuel told Eli everything. In this critical moment, Samuel walked in obedience to the word of the Lord. He chose to fear God rather than man. The ministry of Samuel for the rest of his days would be marked by this unwavering commitment to speak the truth to God's people. His message continued to ring out through Israel. He grew to be a great prophet who would anoint both Saul and David as the first two kings of Israel.

- ▶ **Do you find yourself actively listening for God to speak through a sermon or Bible study you are attending? What are some things within our lives that might hinder us from listening?**

3. Quote for Discussion

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

"The Spirit who inspired Scripture is the Spirit who illuminates Scripture. He speaks through God's Word in order to make us wise." —J.D. Greear and Trevin Wax

4. Conversation Questions

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

- 1. What kinds of routines or activities has our family established to make sure we spend time in God's Word?**
- 2. When have you heard God speaking to you, only to be convicted rather than comforted?**
- 3. How can we be faithful in delivering God's words of truth to others?**
- 4. When speaking the truth of God's Word to others, why is it important to pay attention to our tone or the way we speak it? Is this something our family does well when it comes to speaking truth to one another? If not, how can we do better?**