

# FAMILY CONNECTION

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 | 2 Kings 17:6-20

### SESSION SUMMARY

It can feel uncomfortable to read that God “banished [His people] from his presence” (v. 20), right? But God had given them chance after chance to turn from their sin, remember Him, and keep His commands. They rejected God and “followed worthless idols” until they “became worthless themselves” (v. 15). God gives His people multiple chances to turn to Him, but eventually, He lets us face the consequences of our actions if we don't repent. Through this story, we'll understand that hearing and responding to God's voice spares us from painful consequences. Here are the key themes:

- Ignoring God's voice leads to sin (2 Kings 17:6-17).
- Ignoring God's voice leads to consequences (2 Kings 17:18-20).

### CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- Do you see Israel's consequences as harsh? Why or why not?
- What ways does the amount of time Israel disobeyed—hundreds of years—affect your perspective on His consequences in their lives? In yours?
- How can consequences actually show love from those who give them?
- Why do you think it's tough to hear God's voice? What changes can we make in our lives to hear Him clearer?

### FAMILY CHALLENGE

List some of the rules and consequences your family has. Though we often don't love rules, they're for our good. Can you imagine if we never took out the trash? Or no one ever cleaned the bathrooms? Like the rules that keep our house a safe place to live, the rules God gives us are for our good and to keep us from experiencing the painful consequences that come with disobedience.