

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 Chronicles 36:11-23

SESSION SUMMARY

God's people, not just the kings, became more and more unfaithful. They imitated the nations around them instead of imitating God. But God still had compassion on them, sending His messengers—the prophets—to call them to repentance. His people didn't listen; they rejected His prophets and His words. So, God allowed them to be overtaken by the Babylonians, where they remained in captivity until the Persians rose to power. In this session, we'll see that rebellion will carry us to places we never wanted to go. Here are the key points:

- A stubborn heart ignores God's warnings (2 Chronicles 36:11-14).
- God loves us even in our rebellion (2 Chronicles 36:15-23).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- What makes us turn our hearts against people? Against God?
- When has someone warned you about something and your listening really paid off? How can we listen for and to God's warnings?
- How have you seen wrong decisions snowball? What can this teach us about how rebellion against God starts and grows?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

One family member will choose a specific country and then provide clues beginning with the same letter as the country to help others guess where they're going. For example, for Spain, the leader might say, "I'm going on a trip, and I'm packing my swimsuit. Where am I going?" Other players will guess other items to take, using the same format. The leader will say "yes" or "no." Figuring out where you're going in this game requires paying attention. Otherwise, you'll keep guessing wrong and end up in the wrong place—or lose the game. Likewise, listening to God takes us to good places instead of to places we don't want to go.