

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 | Ezra 6:6-12,16-22

SESSION SUMMARY

During the events between this session and the last, the surrounding peoples had given God's people a lot of trouble as they began to rebuild. But God changed King Darius's heart, and he decreed that no one should interfere with their progress. He also demanded the Israelites be given what they needed to finish rebuilding and to worship God. So, the people were finally able to dedicate the temple to the Lord. In this week's session, we see that God works for our good and for His glory. Here are the key takeaways:

- God works through us for His name (Ezra 6:6-12).
- Worship requires preparation (Ezra 6:16-22)

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- What's the biggest life change our family has experienced together? How did that alter the course of our lives?
- How does our family prepare for worship with other believers? (For example, maybe you talk about how God has blessed you as you drive to church or maybe you listen to worship music.)
- Why is it so important for us to obey God's commands and His will for our family's life?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Invite each person to name someone who doesn't believe in God but has helped him or her in a big way—especially if that help was related to his or her faith. Then, take a few minutes to pray for those people by name, thanking God for their help, asking God how your family can continue to influence them for Him, and praying that God would lead them to know Him.