

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 | Nehemiah 8:1-12

SESSION SUMMARY

After all of the rebuilding, God's people gathered and asked Ezra to read God's law to them. He read to them "from daybreak until noon" (Neh. 8:3)! As the people heard God's Word, they recognized their sin and mourned over it. But after mourning came joy and celebration because God is good and gives us joy when we repent and return to Him. Through this biblical account, we learn that our lives reveal our greatest treasure. These are the key points:

- God's law brings grief (Neh. 8:1-9).
- God's law brings joy (Neh. 8:10-12).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- What does our family as a whole—and each family member individually—value most? Why?
- This account shows us that God rebuilt more than the temple through His people; He was rebuilding them. How is God rebuilding our family, in big ways and small?
- How has our family been strengthened by joy? Why is that important to remember on difficult days?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Ask this question and reflect: Does our family truly value the Word of God? Consider writing out some ways your family already shows that you value God. Then, brainstorm some ways you could start showing you value God. These ideas don't have to be complicated: They can be as simple as memorizing one verse a month or creating a habit of starting your day with prayer. Then, discuss ways your family can start valuing God more today.