

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

In all the good and wise commands that God gave His people, the Israelites disobeyed. Rather than trusting that their greatest joy and fulfillment was in God, His people disregarded His Word and sought out their own ways. They not only disobeyed God's direct commands, but they despised His statutes. They put up idols and worshipped them and "sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord" (v. 17). God brought judgment and discipline upon the people, and He removed them from His very presence. Sin had robbed them of the only person that could truly satisfy the longing of their hearts: God.

## Conversation Questions

- Why is it so easy to fall into the traps of worshipping false idols?
- How does God discipline His children? Has our family ever experienced God's discipline?
- What safeguards do we need to put into place in order to keep God as the only One our family worships?
- What does the putting aside of idols reveal to others about our relationship with God?

## Family Challenge

Family idols are most revealed when you look at the bank account and the calendar. As a family, talk about the things where you spend the most money and the most time. Discuss whether or not these things are driving your family towards God or driving your family away from Him. If there are things that keep your family from church, serving others, or honoring the Lord in any way, talk about what action steps need to be taken to remove these from your lives. End your time by praying God for the power to remove the idols and ask for His forgiveness for worshipping things other than Him.