

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 34:1-11, 14-15, 18-21

Session Summary

Josiah, 26 years old and in his 18th year of ruling over Judah, set his heart on repairing the temple of God, following in the steps of the good kings before him. The next step on his mission to weed out all idolatry and evil from his kingdom required God's temple coming to life once again. Josiah's faith and pursuit of God became contagious as a result of having experienced repentance and the love of God, which fueled his passion for God's glory. His calling overflowed to others and he got them involved in the good work he was doing. This was always the purpose of God's kings—to lead their people in worship and obedience to the Lord their God.

Conversation Questions

- What is the difference between "I'm sorry" and true repentance?
- What are some things that our family needs to repent from?
- Repentance involves turning from something and towards God. How does turning towards God change the way we think or act?
- How can our family encourage others to worship and obey God?

Family Challenge

Give each person in your family a note card. On one side of the note card, everyone should write down a sin they need to repent from, then, on the other side of the card, write down what behavior/action/thought that needs to replace their sin. Each person should spend time alone praying for the things on their card. Ask God for forgiveness and ask Him for wisdom and power to overcome the sin. Tear up and throw the cards out when finished as a reminder of God's grace and mercy.