

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

Luke 15:11-13,17-32

Session Summary

Jesus painted a picture of two types of lost people. The first is openly rebellious—the “in your face” sin of the younger son. The younger son’s request illustrates the enormity and consequence of human sin. “God, we want what You can give us, but we don’t want You!” The second is a more subtle type of sinner—seen in the older son. He represents someone who appears to be near God but is actually far away. The older brother went through the motions so he could gain rights in the household, not true membership in the family. The younger brother—the repentant rebel—was inside feasting while the older brother—the “good” son—stayed outside pouting.

Conversation Questions

- Which of the two brothers do you relate to the most? Why?
- What is our family’s normal response when someone comes to know Jesus?
- How can we learn from the father’s response to the younger brother’s return?
- Who can we be praying for in our family to come to know Jesus?

Family Challenge

Make a list of friends, family members, and co-workers who are lost. Pray over each name on that list as a family each night after dinner this week. Ask the Lord to provide an opportunity for you and your family to boldly share the gospel with each individual. Pray that the Lord would protect your heart from being like the older brother in the parable.