

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

1 Peter 1:3-9; 2:11-17

## Session Summary

When we suffer, we can know that God uses grief and various trials to refine our faith, shaping us more and more into the likeness of Jesus. Just like gold is purified through being exposed to fire, where the impurities are burned away, our faith is refined through fiery trials. Though it may be difficult to understand, we should be thankful that God matures our faith, even through hardships. God's people will endure all kinds of trials in this life. Though the heartache and pain from these trials are very real, we press through hard times with joy, keeping our eyes on Jesus, because eternity with Jesus make it all worth it.

## Conversation Questions

- What are some trials that our family has walked through?
- Why did we need to depend on Jesus during those times?
- How has God used past pain and hurt to bring Himself glory?
- Who in our life is hurting right now and needs to be encouraged? How can we do that?

## Family Challenge

Create a s'more night with your family. Roast some marshmallows, then discuss what makes a great s'more. Most people would say that the melted marshmallow (burned over the fire for personal preference) is what makes it great. Today's passage teaches that God can use fiery trials for our good. While we may not understand His method, God uses pain and hurt to purify our hearts to make us more like Him. And even though we know trouble and trials will come, we have a God who promises to walk with us through every fire we may face (Isa. 43:2; Rom. 8:28).