

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 | 1 Samuel 24:1-12,16-22

SESSION SUMMARY

Despite being anointed as king long before, David served Saul until Saul became jealous and wanted to kill David. So, David went on the run and hid in the wilderness. While hiding in a cave with his men, David had the opportunity to kill Saul, but he determined to wait on God's timing instead. This session shows us that we're called to walk in the better way of Jesus. These are the main points:

- We're called to walk a better way (1 Sam. 24:1-12).
- The better way frees us (1 Sam. 24:16-22).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- What does it mean to show mercy?
- Give an example of a way someone has shown our family mercy.
- Give an example of a way our family has shown someone else mercy.
- Why is it important that we show mercy and wait patiently, even when we don't understand what God is doing?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Not all good opportunities are God-sent opportunities. Sometimes, an opportunity can look great or right from a worldly perspective, but we have to look at things God's way. Invite each family member to share about an opportunity that seemed good at the time, but they figured out it opposed God's Word. Talk about what happened and why it's always important to hold up good opportunities against God's Word, prayer, and the wisdom of other godly people.