

SESSION 6 | FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

These family conversations are designed to help you create moments to talk about God and faith in your family. We want to encourage you to carve out a moment each week to read and discuss each family conversation. This could be over the dinner table, before bedtime, or whenever works best for your family. In each family conversation, you will find four parts.

Scripture: Read the passage out loud, or encourage a family member to read.	Devotion: Read this to your family.	Conversation: Pick and choose what questions are best for your family to discuss.	Prayer: Pray for your family or encourage a family member to pray.
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Just as a heads-up, things probably won't go as planned with your family conversations. Your family may interrupt, someone probably won't pay attention, and there may not be any grand spiritual moments. What matters most is that you are seeking God as a family. Faith in your family is more often caught than taught. Your family will most likely forget these devotions, but they will remember the intentionality and time together. That will set the stage for you to model faith and continue building a spiritual legacy in your family.

SCRIPTURE:

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

DEVOTION:

What's your favorite animal? You may have never thought about this question. Or maybe you have thought about it so much that your room is decorated with your favorite animal. With a quick internet search you can quickly learn that there are millions of different species of animals, and there are still more undiscovered. How amazing is that!

Take a second and look at your fingers. In particular, your finger prints. Every individual on the planet has a unique set of fingerprints (including identical twins). These fingerprints are classified by the technical terms of loops, whorls, and arches. The actual odds of coming close to matching fingerprints with someone else is 1 in 64 billion. How amazing is that!

The amount of different animals in the world and the uniqueness of fingerprints

reveals how big and creative God is. Did you know that you are just as unique? You are the only you there is! God used His creativity to create you. Along the way, He has given you a unique personality, talents, passions, and experiences that make up who you are right now. All of these things are not to be kept to yourself because you were created with a purpose.

Paul writes in Ephesians 2:10, that we are God's masterpiece. Masterpiece is a word that is often used to describe works of art. Just like an artist plans and creates a beautiful piece of art, God has designed each of us with care and intention. That intention is to do good things!

Sometimes, it might be hard to see ourselves as masterpieces, especially when we feel like we don't measure up to others or when we make mistakes. Remember, a masterpiece isn't about being perfect, it's about being created with love and purpose. God sees the potential in you, even when you don't see it in yourself.

Think about some of the things you enjoy doing or are good at. Maybe you love drawing, playing sports, helping others, or solving puzzles. These are gifts that God has given you, and He wants you to use them to make a difference in the world.

Think about how you can use your unique talents to do good things. Maybe it's helping a friend who's having a tough day, volunteering at your church, or simply being kind to someone who needs it. Every small act of kindness and love is part of the good things God has prepared for you. This week, be the unique person God created you to be and show His love by doing good things.

CONVERSATION:

What's your favorite animal? Why?

What does it mean to you to be called God's "masterpiece?" How does that make you feel about yourself?

Why do you think God created each of us with different abilities and interests? How does this diversity benefit the world?

What are some talents or interests you have that you think God might want you to use for good things?

Have you ever struggled with comparing yourself to others? How can remembering that you are God's unique creation help with that?

PRAYER:

As a family, thank God for making each of you unique! Ask God to help you discover ways to use your talents to help others. Ask Him to help remind you that you are God's masterpieces, and He has amazing plans for you!