FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- When do you first remember realizing how much God loves you?
- What does it mean to love God with your heart, soul, and strength?
- What are some ways we can worship God with our whole selves?

BIBLE MEMORY

Word of Wonder Worship

Our Word of Wonder this month focuses on worshiping the Lord with gladness and songs of joy. Encourage each family member to write the verse on a note card. (If you have younger kids, write the verse for them and then invite them to decorate it.) Each person can then post his verse somewhere in the house where he'll see it during the week.

As a family, decide on a way to learn the verse by singing it together. Maybe you sing it to the tune of the "ABC" song. Or perhaps you have a favorite worship song you can plug the words into.

Throughout the week, whenever someone sees the verse in a room where it's posted, she can sing it aloud. Whoever is around should sing along as you worship the Lord with a joyful song!



Heart, Soul, Strength

The Shema (shuh-MAH) is a traditional Jewish prayer that includes these words from Deuteronomy: "Israel, listen to me. The LORD is our God. The LORD is the one and only God. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:4–5, NIrV). God wants us to worship Him with our whole selves!

As a family, think through what this looks like in everyday life. Take paper and draw the outline of a person on it. Or, print out a picture of your child. Then talk through how you can worship God with your whole selves. Start with the head—how can we worship God with what we think about? Next, move on to the eyes—can we worship God by looking at the beautiful things He's created? Work your way through the body, and write your ideas on the paper or photo.

God wants us to love and worship Him with everything that we are!

