

ONE CONVERSATION™

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

CONNECTION POINT: People can develop a relationship with Jesus by thanking and praising God for everything He has done.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: Most of us can muster a smile and be polite—even friendly—when we have to. But a genuine joy in the other person’s presence calls for something deeper in us. The other person can tell the difference between a superficial “I’m glad to see you,” and authentic joy. We cannot manufacture such genuine joy, but we can possess it when we’re consumed with the gospel and love of Christ.

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Authentic Joy

STUDENTS

THE POINT: Authentic joy flows from a relationship with Jesus.

- How can you tell if someone or something is the real thing?
- When have you been encouraged by the faith and love of someone?
- What do work, labor, and endurance have to do with faith, love, and hope?
- What are some ways your life reflects the joy of the gospel?
- How can we live out our faith with joy so it is visible to others?
- What obstacles get in the way of our living with a sense of love and joy?

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out in the Personal Study Guide.

Here are some ways you can encourage your students to live out their faith with Christ personally, in community, and in their culture:

- **CHRIST:** With your student, make a list of things he or she can do to pursue joy and walk in Jesus’ footsteps.
- **COMMUNITY:** Discuss the relationships that are not a source of joy in your student’s life and determine some ways he or she can make those joyful.
- **CULTURE:** Talk to your student about the difference between the joy we receive from Christ and cultural happiness. How can your family live in a way that displays true joy and draws others to Christ?