

ONE CONVERSATION™

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

CONNECTION POINT: Family members can love and respect one another and pray to God about their needs.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: Anyone who has ever helped raise a child knows it's sometimes difficult to explain the reason why the child must do something or can't have something. Children often don't ask for what is best for them, but they must learn to trust the parent or adult. As we come to God with our requests, we must trust Him also. As we pray, we surrender our requests to His will.

**BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE**

**MATTHEW 6:10-11A;
JAMES 4:6-10,13-17**
A Prayer of Surrender

STUDENTS

THE POINT: Approach prayer with humble submission to the will of God.

- What ideas or images come to mind when you hear the word *surrender*?
- What keeps us from surrendering to God's will?
- What things in your life aren't aligned to God's will? What will you do to change it?
- What are the consequences of pride in our lives?
- Why is humility essential to a lifestyle of prayer?
- How is prayer an expression of dependence upon God?
- What steps can you take to more fully surrender to God?

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:** Share your testimony with your student and tell him or her about surrendering your life to Christ.
- **COMMUNITY:** Ask your student how he or she can better love a friend or family member, even if it means sacrificing something they want.
- **CULTURE:** Our culture sees life as being all about me. How can you and your family live in a way that demonstrates that we are not to live for what we want, but for what God wants?