

# 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 8:1-21

## SESSION SUMMARY

We've all experienced the desire to look, sound, or be like the people around us, and Israel was no exception. In today's session, we'll see what happens when God's people request a king to rule over them—just like the nations around them—and when they get what they want. As we dig deep into Scripture, we'll see that when we trust Jesus, we won't desire to look like the world. Here are the main points:

- Looking like the world is tempting (1 Sam. 8:1-8).
- Looking like the world comes with consequences (1 Sam. 8:9-21).

## CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- What does "trust" look like to our family?
- How can we tell if our family trusts God? What can we do to build or strengthen that trust?
- Why do you think we tend to put our trust in the same things as the world around us rather than in God?

## FAMILY CHALLENGE

On sticky notes, write out different challenges your family is facing. Gather enough chairs for each person in the group. Place at least one sticky note under each chair, though some chairs will have multiple notes. Play a song and when it stops, all family members must sit in the chair nearest to them. Then, give each family member a chance to read his or her note and tell how that situation made them feel. As a group, discuss how that situation brought you together or brought you closer to God—or how you struggled to trust God and each other. Talk about how this session helps you see what it means to fully trust God to guide your family.