

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 15:1-3,7-9,10-15,22-23

SESSION SUMMARY

In the last session, we saw that Saul became impatient and disobeyed God. In today's session, we'll see that, once again, Saul disobeyed God. He tried to rationalize his disobedience because he saved for himself the best for the Lord out of something he was supposed to destroy completely. As we dig deeper, we see that our obedience to God must be complete. Here are the main ideas:

- Partial obedience is still disobedience (1 Sam. 15:1-3,7-9).
- We can't hide our sin from God (1 Sam. 15:10-15,22-23).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- Why is it so tough for people to give God everything?
- Does our family struggle with this? How so?
- How has our family seen the consequences of disobeying God even years down the line?
- What might it look like for our family to give God everything?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Create a family tree together, getting as creative as you want with the design. Trace your lineage back as far as you know the history. Then, talk together about the good things you know in your family's history. For example, who on this tree did great things for God or loved their community well? Then, talk about the negative things in your family's lineage. Sometimes we call struggles that pass down the line of our families "generational curses." When we disobey God, as we saw with Saul's disobedience, our actions can have consequences even generations later—like Haman in the story of Esther being a descendant of the people Saul refused to wipe out. No matter how difficult it may be to obey God in the moment, we must remember how our obedience will affect our future and others' futures too.