

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 Kings 12:25-33; 14:21-26

SESSION SUMMARY

The story in today's passage might carry a hint of familiarity: Jeroboam made two golden calves, not because the people were getting restless but because he worried they would abandon him and return to King Rehoboam. He then proclaimed these calves as Israel's gods. Through this session, and Jeroboam's poor decisions, we'll see that idolatry leads us to imitate the world around us instead of Christ. Here are the main ideas:

- Our idolatry leads others astray (1 Kings 12:25-33).
- Idolatry robs us of our identity in Christ (1 Kings 14:21-26).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- How do our definitions of idolatry differ? How are they alike?
- What are some signs of idolatry in our family? What can we do to turn our focus back to God in those areas?
- How can we guard our hearts against the things in our family, community, and culture that pull our focus off of Jesus?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Cut some scrap paper into several smaller strips. Give each family member five slips of paper and a writing utensil. Explain that they should write the name of someone you all know or someone famous you all like on each slip of paper, then fold the slip of paper in half. Collect all the papers and place them in a cup or bowl. Then, get into teams and play charades. (Depending on the number of people in your family, consider inviting extended family or close friends over to play.) Vote on who had the best imitations of these people, especially since some names might be duplicates. The truth is, who we imitate matters, and we can imitate godly people. But above all, we need to look to Jesus and imitate Him.