

# 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 | Jonah 3–4

### SESSION SUMMARY

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You might be familiar with the story of Jonah, the prophet who ran from God and ended up overboard and in the belly of a great fish. He didn't want to obey God and go to the people of Nineveh, but he obeyed eventually. The people ultimately repented, and God forgave them. But this made Jonah angry, even though that anger was out of line. Through these two chapters in the book of Jonah, we'll learn that no one is outside of God's reach. These are the key takeaways:

- God is forgiving (Jonah 3:1-10).
- God is patient (Jonah 4:1-11).

### CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

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- Do you feel uncomfortable or confident when it comes to sharing your faith? Why?
- When is it easy to show others grace? When is it difficult? Why is it important that we give grace, no matter what?
- Who or what do you view as unforgivable? What does the Bible say about this?

### FAMILY CHALLENGE

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Sit in your favorite room to hang out together. Get comfortable. Invite each person to share how he or she came to know Jesus, what life was like before, and what life has been like since. Parents, always be prepared to go first, not just to give your students an example and lead well but also to show them love and care as they might be nervous about trying to share their faith—even in this setting. Then, talk about who they can share their story with. Discuss how to handle sharing your faith when it comes up in normal conversation, and what it looks like to be bold but not pushy. Spend some time tweaking what each person says until they feel confident in their message. Be sensitive to anyone who may not know Jesus yet. If necessary, consider allowing members to skip.