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**

Judges 2:8-19

**Session Summary**

The Israelites knew the names well: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua. For five hundred years, these men had heard God’s voice and directed the Israelites, God’s chosen people, along His path. The stories of God’s miraculous ways and mighty hand had shaped their identity and their history.

But the identity and history of a person’s parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, and beyond does not take the place of individual faith and obedience. No one can rest on what was accomplished by those who have gone before them.

In this session, we will see that the children of Israel had conquered the promised land, but they had not conquered sin and rebellion against God, the One who had given them the victory. The opening chapters of the Book of Judges reveals a cycle of sin which would plague God’s people for generations. God had been faithful; but what would He do when His people were unfaithful in return?

**Conversation Questions**

- How aware of the sin in your own life are you? How do you respond to your sin?
- Where do you see idolatry in our culture today? What can we do to address these idols and show that Jesus is better?
- What can we do to make sure we don’t forget God’s past work in our lives and in the lives of others?
- What are some ways we are tempted to do what is right in our own eyes? What are some examples of our culture living this way?

**Family Challenge**

Like the Israelites during the time of the Judges, we too often find ourselves in a cyclical pattern of returning to our sin over and over again. As a family, talk about the dangers of this, encouraging one another to repentance and faithfulness as you continue to pursue Christ as a family.