

DAD'S CLASS

BEING A FAITHFUL FATHER
AND SHEPHERDING YOUR FAMILY WELL.

WEEK TWO

LEAD: BE GOD'S MAN

TEACHING NOTES:

WEEK 2 TO DOs: Wife & Kid Surveys

- Homework for Week 3
- Wife and Kid Surveys
 - *Give Wife & Kid Surveys to your family.*
 - *Ask them to complete them and share their responses with you before next week.*
(If your kids are too young to read or write, ask their mom to help.)
 - *Take time to read and pray over their responses.*
 - *Be ready to discuss in small group.*

IF I AM

RESPONSIBLE *for* OTHERS
CONTROL

RESPONSIBLE *to* OTHERS
CARE

I DO

- *Fix*
- *Protect*
- *Rescue*
- *Control*
- *Carry their feelings*
- *Don't listen*
- *Join in*

- *Show empathy*
- *Encourage*
- *Share*
- *Speak Truth*
- *Listen*

I FEEL

- *Tired*
- *Anxious*
- *Fearful*
- *Responsible*
- *Angry*
- *Guilty*
- *Embarrassed*
- *Lonely*
- *Rageful*

- *Peace*
- *Relaxed*
- *Free*
- *Aware (of reality)*
- *Trusting (God)*

**I AM
CONCERNED
WITH**

- *The Solution*
- *Answers*
- *Circumstances*
- *Being Right*
- *Details*
- *Performance*

- *Relating to the person, not the solution*
- *Sharing of myself and own struggles*
- *Dependence on Christ Alone*

I AM

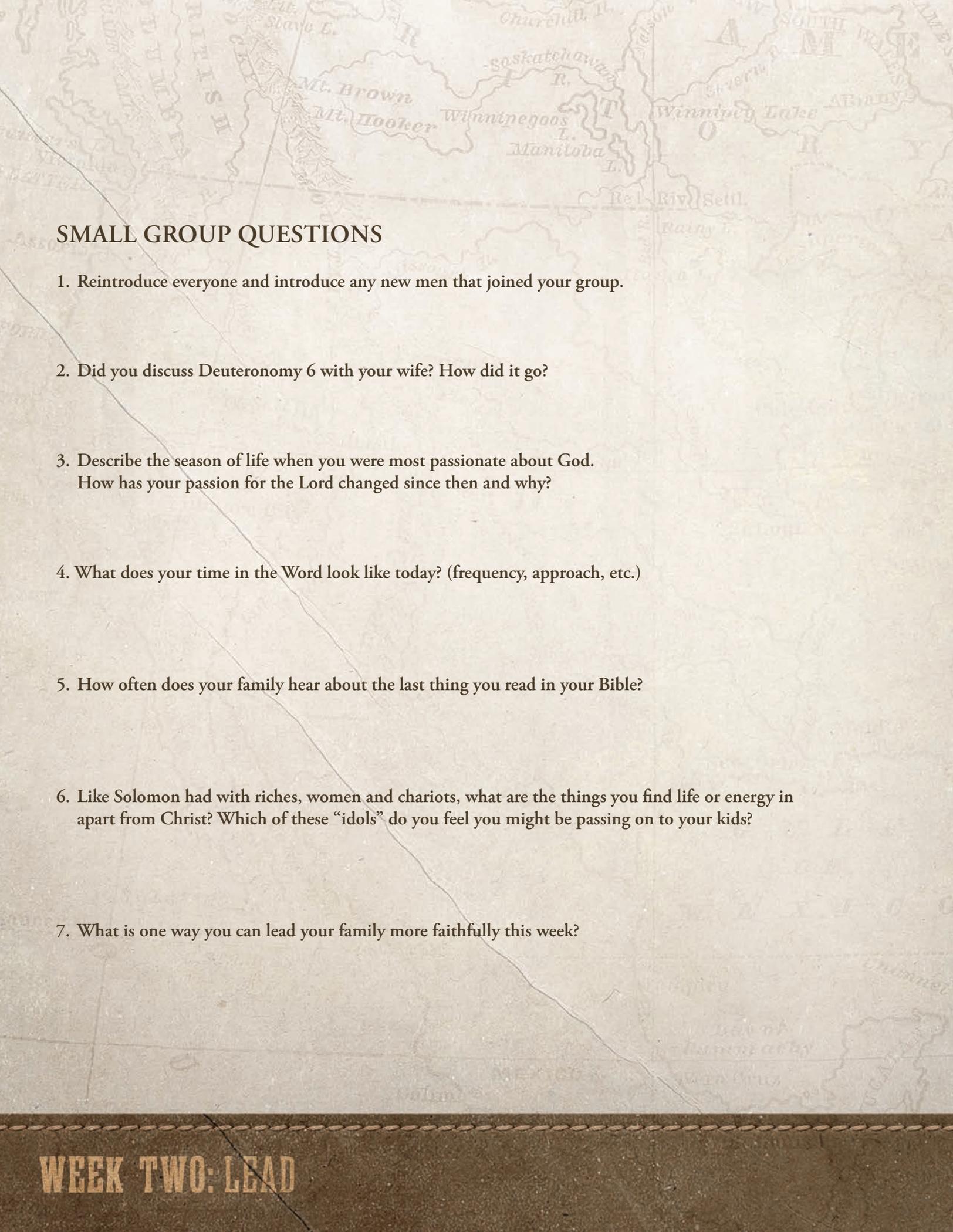
- *A Manipulator*
- *A Controller*
- *A Disabler*

- *A Helper*
- *A Guide*
- *A Friend*
- *A Parent*
- *A Spouse*

**MY SELF
WORTH**

- *Goes Down*

- *Goes Up*



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Reintroduce everyone and introduce any new men that joined your group.
2. Did you discuss Deuteronomy 6 with your wife? How did it go?
3. Describe the season of life when you were most passionate about God.
How has your passion for the Lord changed since then and why?
4. What does your time in the Word look like today? (frequency, approach, etc.)
5. How often does your family hear about the last thing you read in your Bible?
6. Like Solomon had with riches, women and chariots, what are the things you find life or energy in apart from Christ? Which of these “idols” do you feel you might be passing on to your kids?
7. What is one way you can lead your family more faithfully this week?

HOMWORK FOR WEEK 3

Proverbs 2 is one big if/then passage. If you _____, then _____.

Spend some time meditating on the truths of Proverbs 2 for your life and your family.

Pray, read, study, and apply!

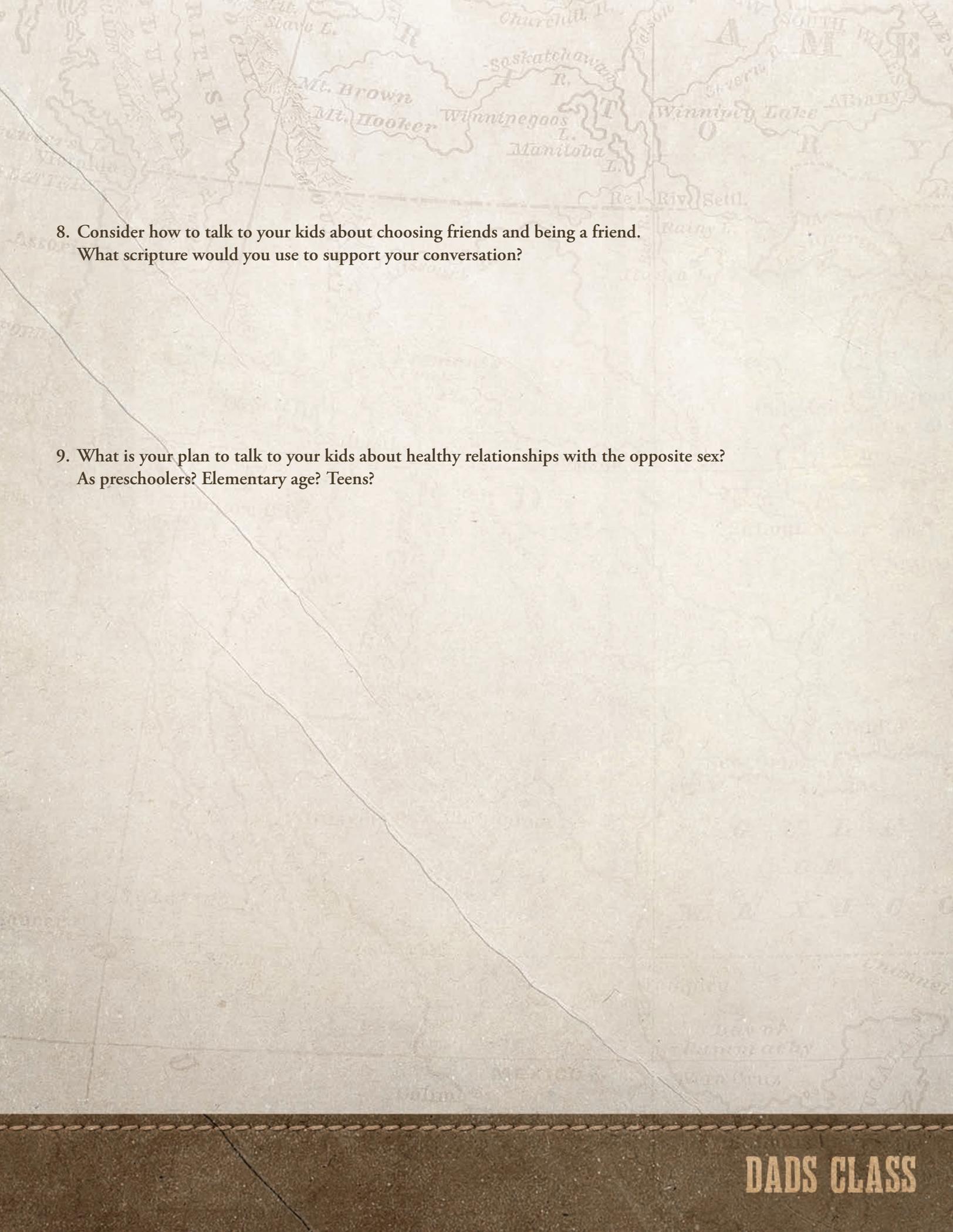
1. What is the purpose of the Book of Proverbs? (Proverbs 1:1-7)
2. What common wording starts Proverbs 2:1, 3:1, 4:1, 5:1, 6:1, 7:1?
3. List out all the action words in Proverbs 2:1-4 (i.e. listen, treasure, etc.).
4. Noting all these action words, what is our responsibility in understanding the wisdom of God?

5. Write out the results “IF” you act on the verbs mentioned in Proverbs 2:1-4 (i.e. fear the Lord, gain knowledge, etc.). These are found throughout the remainder of Proverbs 2 in v. 5-18.

6. What are the two “biggies” that Proverbs 2 warns against? (v. 12-19)

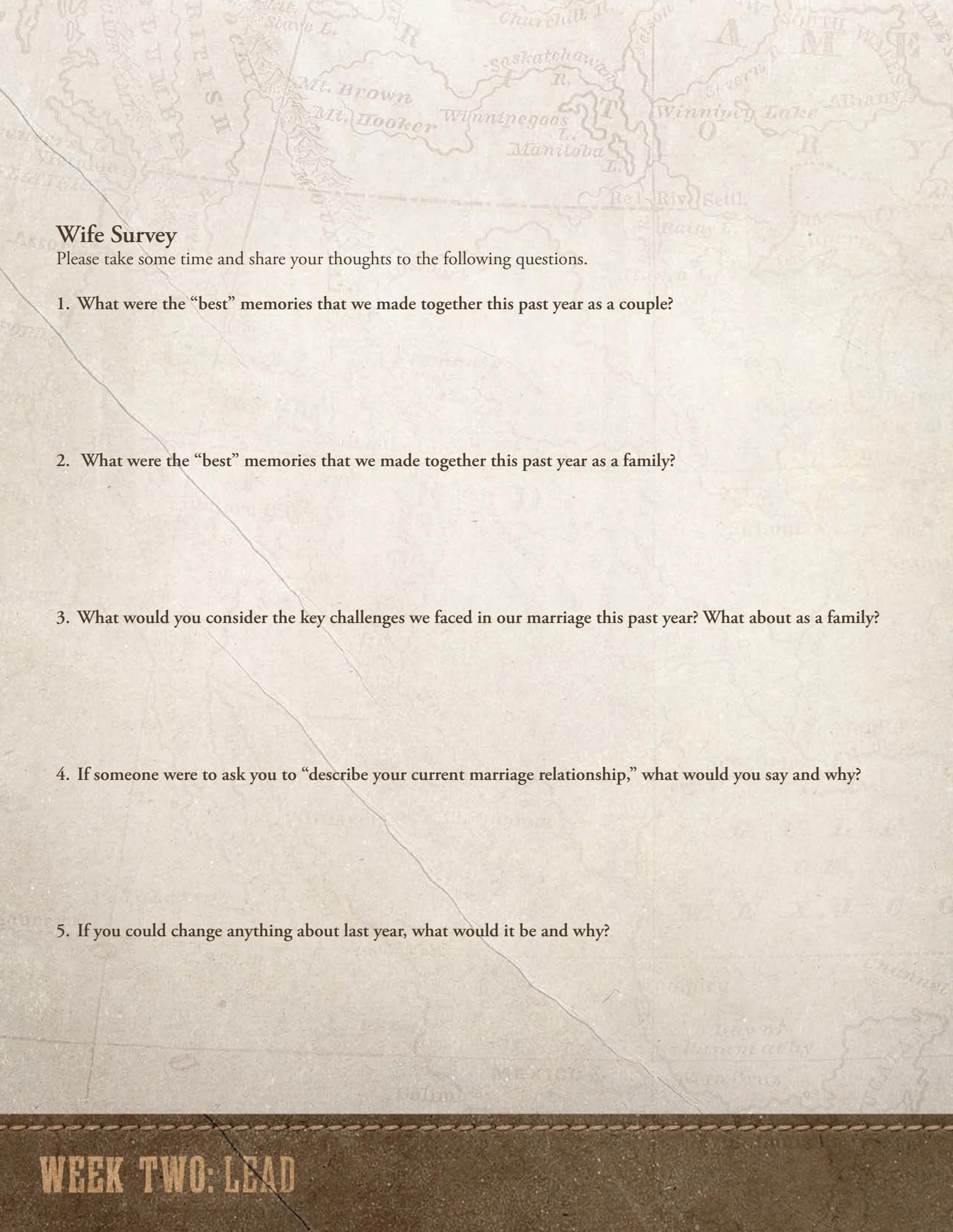
7. What is the summary statement in Proverbs 2? (v. 20-22)

8. Ask God how what you’ve learned so far applies to you and your family.
Be prepared to give some specific examples of application in your small group time.



8. Consider how to talk to your kids about choosing friends and being a friend.
What scripture would you use to support your conversation?

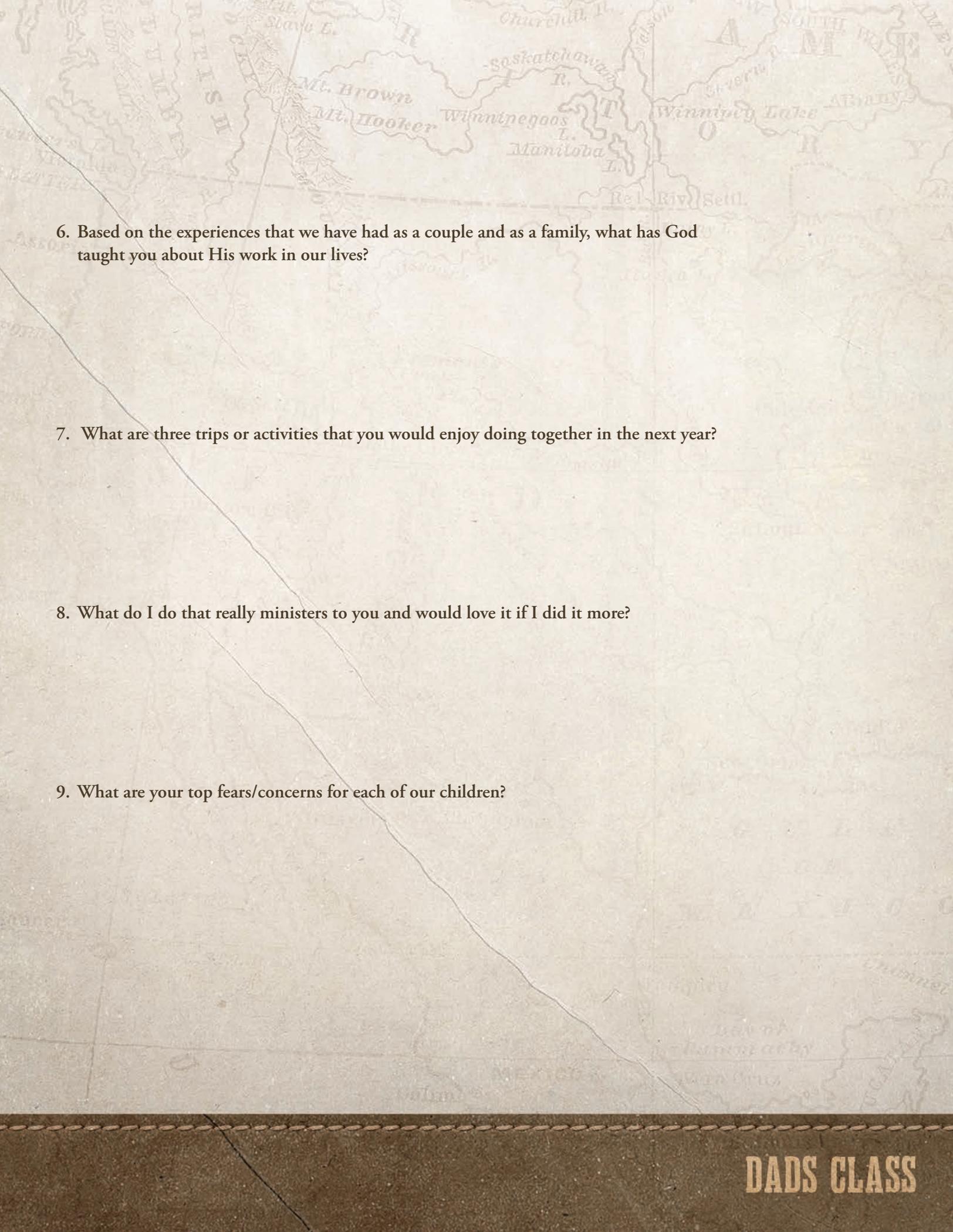
9. What is your plan to talk to your kids about healthy relationships with the opposite sex?
As preschoolers? Elementary age? Teens?



Wife Survey

Please take some time and share your thoughts to the following questions.

1. What were the “best” memories that we made together this past year as a couple?
2. What were the “best” memories that we made together this past year as a family?
3. What would you consider the key challenges we faced in our marriage this past year? What about as a family?
4. If someone were to ask you to “describe your current marriage relationship,” what would you say and why?
5. If you could change anything about last year, what would it be and why?



6. Based on the experiences that we have had as a couple and as a family, what has God taught you about His work in our lives?

7. What are three trips or activities that you would enjoy doing together in the next year?

8. What do I do that really ministers to you and would love it if I did it more?

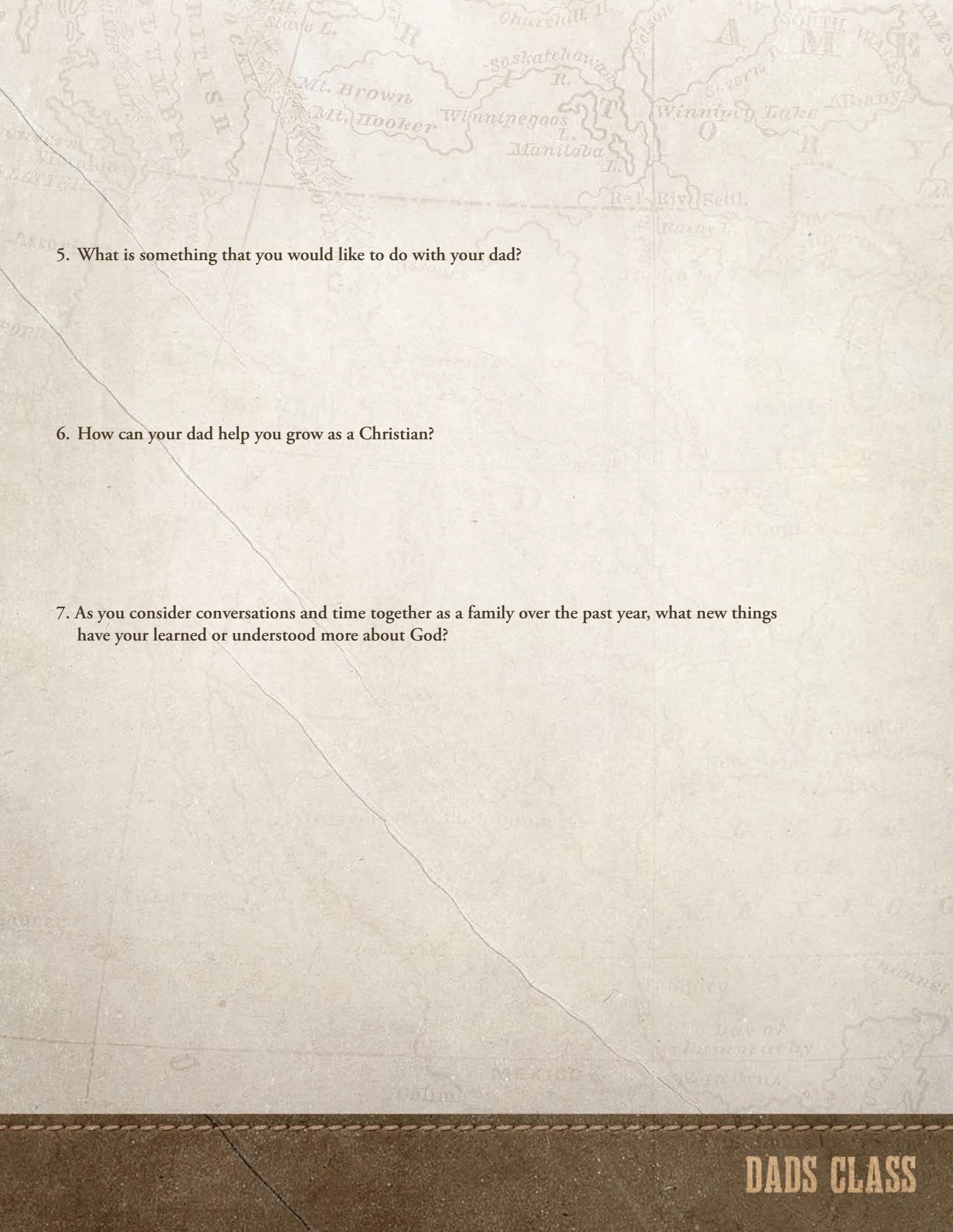
9. What are your top fears/concerns for each of our children?

KID SURVEY

Dear Son/Daughter,

Your answers to the following questions are going to be very helpful. Please answer these questions and give this to your mom when you're finished. Thanks.

1. What have been some of the best times you have had with your dad this past year?
2. If you had to give him some advice on being a better dad, what would it be and why?
3. What are some things that you would like to talk with your dad about and why?
4. What are some of your fears that you would like your dad to pray for you about?



5. What is something that you would like to do with your dad?

6. How can your dad help you grow as a Christian?

7. As you consider conversations and time together as a family over the past year, what new things have you learned or understood more about God?