



## FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- What is your favorite type of plant? What makes that plant so interesting?
- Where is a place we can connect with God as a family?
- How can our family create a special time to connect with God, such as praying before meals or bedtime?



## HANDS ON

### Make a Garden

In God's big story, Jesus invites us to remain connected to—or abide in—Him. He calls Himself the “true vine” and His followers the “branches” (John 15:1, 5). As a family, explore how important it is for branches to remain connected to their vines by planting or creating a garden. If you can't plant seeds outside due to season and climate, try planting flower or vegetable seeds in indoor pots, making sure they get ample sunlight and water. Alternatively, create a paper garden craft using construction paper, cupcake liners, and markers to make three-dimensional flowers. Glue or tape a cupcake liner to the top of a hand-drawn stem and add leaves to the stem.

As you work on your gardens, discuss these questions as a family:

- **What do plants need to survive?**
- **What happens to a branch if it's cut off from the vine?**
- **How is Jesus like the vine, and how are we like the branches?**



## WALK IT ACT IT MOVE IT

### Obstacle Course Connection

Jesus invites us to stay connected to Him! Do this simple activity as a family to reinforce the importance of remaining connected to Jesus, our source of life! Set up a simple obstacle course throughout your home. You might scatter chairs, pillows, large toys, and other objects down the hallway and in and out of rooms. (For safety, avoid stairs.) Link arms so your whole family is connected, and designate one person at the end to represent Jesus. Everyone will close their eyes except for the person representing Jesus. With everyone's arms linked, “Jesus” will guide the family through the obstacle course. Your goal is to get to the other end without anyone bumping into any obstacles. Try it multiple times with a different person representing Jesus each time.

Say: **Wow! If we hadn't been connected to “Jesus,” we never would have made it through the obstacle course! What do you think it means to stay connected to Jesus in our lives? What are some ways we can stay connected to Him?**