

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 | Matthew 14:13-21

SESSION SUMMARY

Jesus revealed His power and authority in countless ways. But, through these stories, we see more than the power of Jesus—we see His compassionate provision for us too. Because of Jesus's authority, we can trust Him to meet all our needs. These are the main themes:

- Jesus cares about our needs (Matt. 14:13-16).
- Jesus has the power to meet our needs (Matt. 14:17-21).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- When has God provided for our family's needs in unexpected ways?
- The disciples wanted to send the hungry crowds away. Which is easier for our family—to assume someone else will meet others' needs or to see how we can meet them? Why?
- How have we seen the compassion of Jesus in the way He provided for our family?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

God knew we couldn't live life His way without lots of support—mostly through Jesus, who gave His life to pay for our sin and restore our relationship with God, and the Holy Spirit, who lives in us and helps us live out what we've learned through God's Word, prayer, and godly teaching. But God also gave us each other to support and lean on in tough times. If you're going through something tough, or just got out of a difficult season, think about who has supported you and write them a thank-you note, including encouragement and prayer. If you know someone who's going through a tough time, brainstorm ways you can support them—and then show up for them.