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 | Mark 14:17-31

SESSION SUMMARY

Before He was born on this earth and placed in a manger, Jesus knew what He was coming to do. He knew He would live a life of perfect obedience to God, then die for our sins. He knew everything that would mean—including betrayal by one of His disciples and denials from another. In this week's session, we see that Jesus endured betrayal to bless us with salvation. Here are the main points:

- Jesus endured betrayal (Mark 14:17-21).
- Jesus knew the cost (Mark 14:22-31).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- It can be easy to feel like Peter, believing we'd never deny Jesus. Why is it good to have humility, understanding this could happen to us? How can we strengthen our hearts to stand firm in our faith?
- When has our family felt hesitant to share the truth of our beliefs?
- Where is God calling our family to share our beliefs today?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Despite their commitment in these verses, the disciples did scatter when Jesus was arrested. But all—except Judas, the betrayer—continued the ministry of Jesus on earth, even after He ascended to heaven. In John 21:15-19, read about Jesus restoring Peter to ministry. We will all make mistakes—even ones that feel unforgivable—as we follow Jesus. But God promises that when we turn to Him in repentance, He will forgive us (1 John 1:9). Take a few minutes to discuss together where you've fallen short of standing strong in your faith, individually and as a family. Seek God's forgiveness in prayer, and trust that He will restore you to keep doing His work.

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