

# Family Lenten Reading and Conversation



This spring, read through the Gospel of John together with your family. As you read, watch for and talk about the claims Christ made about who He is and what He has done. Consider ways you can respond to Him together and benefit those around you. Each week there will be questions provided here for discussion. This week's questions come from John 8:1-12.

Parents, this can be a difficult story for young children. Instead of fully explaining the situation, explain that adultery is sin, which is doing wrong in God's eyes.

Tonight, eat dinner by candlelight. Engage your children in the preparation and setting of the table. Allow them to select, place, and (if they are old enough) light the candles. Together, read John 8:1-12 aloud. Ask the children to blow out the candles. Sit for a few moments in the dark. Talk about all the things that could happen if your home was dark all the time. Talk about what Jesus meant when He said, "I am the Light of the world."

- The woman in this story was brought to Jesus because she was accused of doing something wrong. What did the Pharisees, the men who accused her, think should happen to her?
- When Jesus said, "Let the one without sin cast the first stone," what point was He making?
- The men in the story who brought the woman to Jesus claimed to have clean hearts. Do you think they did? Why or why not?
- Read Ecclesiastes 7:20 and Romans 3:10. What do these verses tell us about all human hearts?
- Jesus was not surprised by the woman's sin. He seemed more upset with the accusers in this story than he was with her. When we know Jesus, we are to reflect His light in the world, showing others the way. How could you make the world less dark for someone today?

When you have finished your conversation, go around the house and turn the lights back on. Talk about how Jesus said He is the Light of the world. When we have His light in our lives, He will show us the way to follow Him. His light in our lives will shine in this dark world. We need His light to live for Him. That is why Jesus had to come. This week, thank Jesus for coming as the Light of the world.

