



# FAMILY CONVERSATION # 9

## GOOD FRIDAY

To prepare for your family conversation, you will need to engage with the devotional reflection for Good Friday (pp. 150–154 in *Water for the Way*).

### STORY

Share about a time when God moved in your life when you did not expect it. What did God do? Whom did God use? How did this movement change your life?

### SCRIPTURE

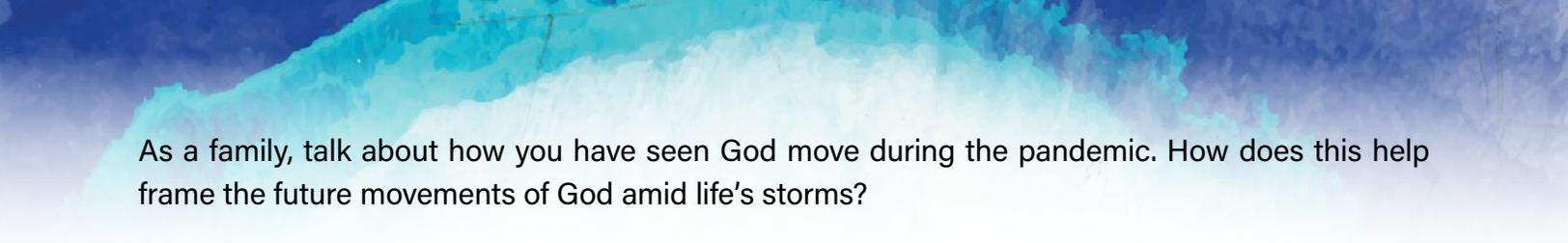
*Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"*

—Matthew 27:50–54 (NRSVUE)

### REFLECT AND DISCUSS

What stood out to you from the devotional reflection for Good Friday, or from the Scripture reading?

As a family, talk about the following quote from *Water for the Way* (page 152): "Let us take our eyes off the storm for a moment and see the movement that God is mobilising. . . . Whatever the next few weeks, months, or years hold for us as individuals and as families, the church is positioned to move forward in compassion, courage, and calmness amid this storm."



As a family, talk about how you have seen God move during the pandemic. How does this help frame the future movements of God amid life's storms?

What are some ways that we can become more aware of the movement of God in our world? What is keeping you from joining in the movement of the Holy Spirit?

## PRACTICE

One of the best ways to discern the movement of God is by spending time in silence and meditation. This commitment to silence and meditation disrupts the rhythms of our daily life and silences the noise around us. It also helps us focus on trying to hear the voice of God. As a family, spend ten to fifteen minutes in silence. Then start to adopt this practice in your daily life.

## PRAYER

As you head to prayer, talk about how you experience God through silence. After you have done that, end your time by saying this prayer given in the devotional:

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love*

*Where there is injury, pardon*

*Where there is doubt, faith*

*Where there is despair, hope*

*Where there is darkness, light*

*Where there is sadness, joy*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek*

*To be consoled as to console*

*To be understood as to understand*

*To be loved as to love*

*For it is in giving that we receive*

*It is in pardoning that we are pardoned*

*It is in dying that we are born to eternal life*

*Amen*