

## **Discussion Questions Course 213–2**

### **Large Group**

1. What does the word “idol” mean?
2. If you were here last time, why did Joy think that Chris was obsessed with the video game he was playing?
3. Did it seem like that video game was the most important thing in his life?
4. Do you think Elijah ever doubted if God would answer his prayer and send fire—why or why not?
5. Have you ever known someone who trusted in a good luck charm to help them?
7. In the SuperVerse, when you read the words, “Dear children,” what does that say to you?

### **Small Group**

#### **Game**

1. According to Elijah’s instructions, how many times were the helpers supposed to pour four large jars of water over the altar?
2. Have you ever been told to make up your mind?
3. Elijah called the people to choose God or the idol, Baal! How did they answer?
4. What was the most difficult part of the game?
5. Did you ever just copy what other people did?
6. Why is that not a good idea?

### **Teaching**

1. In our Bible story about Elijah, what was the name of the false god or idol?
2. God wants us to spend time with Him each day, to read His Word, pray, and listen to His voice in our hearts. Why?
3. Read the bag titles aloud. Are these things good or bad?
4. There is nothing wrong with any of these things. The problem is if we think something good is more important than the best. And Who is the best?
5. God is the source of everything! What are some things that God gives us?
6. God is up in heaven. So how did He show us all of these wonderful things?

#### **Discipleship Challenge**

1. Who can share an experience of what happened when you put God first last time?

### **Additional Activities**

#### **Bible Study**

#### **Joshua 24:14–16 and 1 Kings 18:21**

1. What is similar between the two passages?
2. How is the people’s response different in the two passages?
3. In Joshua 24:15, did Joshua wait to see what everyone else would do before he made up his own mind? What did he choose?
4. Do you think some people today try to serve both God and idols?

**Matthew 6:24**

1. Who is speaking here?
2. What idol is Jesus talking about?
3. How can people serve money?
4. Why can't we serve both God and idols such as money or other possessions?

**Exodus 23:24–25a**

1. In verse 24, what did God warn the Israelites not to do?
2. Was it all right to have some idols around just as decorations? What if the people just removed some of them?
3. What is the danger of keeping something that you know is sinful or evil?
4. Does God still speak to us—how?
5. Do you think it is harder or easier to make a choice to serve only God today compared to in Bible times? Please explain.
6. Don't answer this question out loud—but silently think about the answer. Has God ever spoken to your heart about removing something in your life that that was harmful or sinful to you in some way?