

## Faith@Home

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- What To Discuss: While eating, discuss any of the following...
  - What Bible story did you learn at church this past weekend?
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