
2Kings: Let's Talk

This Grace@Home Let's Talk Guide provides discussion questions and activities that you may use to facilitate conversations about God and His Word in your home. The focus is on those chapters that are most likely to promote meaningful conversations for all ages of family members.

2Kings 2

Draw a picture of what it may have looked like when Elijah was taken up into heaven.

Questions:

1. Why do you think Elisha was so set on not leaving Elijah on the day the Lord was going to take him?
2. How was Elijah taken up to heaven? Do you think those kind of horses are stabled in heaven all the time? Elijah is one of two men in the Bible whom God took to heaven. Do know the name of the other? (Hint: in Genesis 5)
3. How did Elisha see for himself that he had been given a double portion of the power that had been given Elijah? What miracles did he perform?
4. Be a detective. By studying this chapter, what kind of personality do you think Elisha had?

2Kings 4

The Shunammite woman showed hospitality, contentment and perseverance. Each person share which of these qualities they need to live out this week and how they plan to do it.

Questions:

1. How did Elisha miraculously multiply what the widow already had to meet her needs? How can God multiply your talents and resources to meet your needs?
2. What did the Shunammite woman do for Elisha? How can you focus your eyes on someone else and meet a need for them that they may not even acknowledge they have?
3. Did the woman expect to be thanked for her good deed? How do you know?
4. The Shunammite woman was blessed with a son but then he died. Based on her actions, what do you think she was thinking towards God immediately following his death? How did God turn this tragedy to blessing? Can God turn all your tragedy to blessings?

2Kings 5

If possible, go to the pool and read today's passage. Jump in seven times. Or, play leprosy tag as a family either using garage sale dot stickers or washable markers (messy fun!). Who can have the least spots? Who can make the most spots on another person?

Questions:

1. Describe the character and accomplishments of Naaman. How was he used to being treated?
2. Why didn't Naaman want to obey Elisha's instructions? Has God ever asked you to do something you didn't want to do? If so, what? Did you do it or did you miss the blessing?
3. What do you think God was trying to teach Naaman through this whole experience? Has God ever taught you a similar lesson? If so, explain.
4. Besides God, who do you think was the hero of this story? Why?
5. What bad choice did Gehazi make and what consequence came of it? Why do you think he did that? Are you ever tempted in the same way?

2Kings 8

The king gave the woman more than what she asked for. Can you surprise someone by giving them even more than what they expect from you? For example, do your own chore AND someone else's.

Questions:

1. What familiar character do we see now working for the king? (Hint: verse 4) Do you think it is a promotion to go from serving Elisha to the king? Why or why not?
2. Do you think it was a coincidence that the king was hearing a story about the Shunammite woman just as she was coming before the king? What does that tell you about God's character?
3. In general were the kings of this age following God? Why didn't God just destroy them? What does that tell you about God's character?

4. What do you think it would have been like to be the servant of Elisha? Imagine a day with him.

2Kings 15

There is a lot of information involving numbers in this passage. Can you create some word problems from the information you are given? For example, how old was Azariah when he died?

Questions

1. How would you summarize this chapter? What do you think God is trying to tell us?
2. What kings of Israel are mentioned here? What kings of Judah? (Remember Jeroboam had split off with 10 of the tribes of Israel years ago when Solomon's son Rehoboam wouldn't listen to the people's requests.)
3. Are the kings' acts generally "evil in the sight of the Lord" or "right in the sight of the Lord"? What do you think that means?
4. Why do you think these kings disobeyed God and served idols? What tempts you to put something ahead of God in your life?

2Kings 17

With a ball and hoop or a wad of paper and a trash can, try to make a basket. Each time you make a basket, name something the Israelites did to anger God. It doesn't have to be just from this chapter, but from the time Moses led them out of Egypt.

Questions:

1. What reason does God give for the 10 tribes of Israel (the kingdom of Judah is still there) being led into captivity?
2. What warnings had God given both Israel and Judah when they were sinning? Do you listen when you are corrected?
3. The passage says that the settlers that replaced the Israelites "feared God but served their own gods too." Why is this wrong? What might this look like in our life?
4. How do we put Jesus first in everything we do? What would that look like in a typical day?

1Kings 19

Begin a family prayer like Hezekiah's, saying: "You are God; You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made the heaven and the earth." Then go around the table, each person naming something else amazing about God.

Questions:

1. Hezekiah was a good king that led his people back to God. When they were then surrounded by the enemy, he prayed to God. How did God reply through the prophet Isaiah?
2. How did the enemy try to make Hezekiah and the people doubt God? How does the devil put seeds of doubt into our thoughts?
3. After the enemy leaves, what is the first thing Hezekiah does? What are some ways you can thank God, as he did?
4. What did God say was the key reason He delivered Israel from their enemy? Evaluate your prayer life; what challenges do you have in your life that you need to pray about?

2Kings 22

Instead of "Simon says," play "God says" with actions that God asks you to do (smile at a stranger, pray, sing praises, feed the hungry, comfort the sad, go to church...).

Questions:

1. What did Josiah want to do to the temple?
2. What did Hilkiah the high priest find? Do you wonder for how long something that important could be lost? How did they run the temple and teach the people without it?
3. What was the king's response to the item that was found? Why do you think he had that response?
4. What did God say through Huldah the prophetess? How do you have a tender heart and humble yourself before God? Have you ever done this? If so, explain.

2Kings 25

Line up smallest to tallest (least to greatest). Follow the leader into "Egypt," pretending to escape from the Babylonians.

Questions:

1. For how long did the army of Babylon surround Jerusalem?
2. What did the Babylonian army do to the city? Where did many of the people go?
3. After several years what did the Babylonians do to the imprisoned king of Judah?
4. Why was Jerusalem destroyed? Had God warned the people to return to following Him several times? Have you ever had consequences to your bad choices a significant time later?