

Let's Talk: Day 36

Today's Reading: 1 John 5 / Family Focus: verses 1-8

Take an ice cube out of the freezer and set it on a plate about an hour or so before you begin reading. Discuss how the water was once frozen in a cube, then melted into water, and is now evaporating to a vapor. Water will always be water (one hydrogen combined with two oxygen atoms) but it can exist in three different states. Similarly God is God but exists as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Questions:

1. How do we know someone is born of God?
2. What is one way you can show God's love through something you do tomorrow (at school, home or in the neighborhood)?
3. How do we overcome the world by believing that Jesus is the Son of God?
4. How would you describe the three persons of God?

Let's Talk: Day 37

Today's Reading: 2 John 1 / Family Focus: all verses

Today we are learning about Truth and lies. Watch the video "Voice of Truth" from Casting Crowns. What does the voice of truth tell us?

Questions:

1. What is it about the Lady's children that makes John rejoice?
2. What does John tell us to do with those who come to us and want to teach doctrine other than the Truth?
3. How does someone practically walk in truth?
4. Brainstorm various ways we get information (friends, TV, Facebook, school...). How do we practically filter through all of it and "test" or decide what is true?

5. Regarding verse 12, what are some things that you think you shouldn't write (or text or email), but that you should discuss face to face?

Let's Talk: Day 38

Today's Reading: 3John 1 / Family Focus: all verses

Use tape or string to make a line which you and your child/ren have to walk on like a balance beam. Discuss how walking in the truth is like walking on a line (ideas: causes us to be careful, focused, aware of any distractions that could cause us to fall off, etc.).

Questions:

1. Who is John writing to? Is John happy with him? Why or why not?
2. What should we not imitate or follow? What should we do instead?
3. What is Diotrephes' problem? How does his heart problem show in his actions? Is he walking in the truth?
4. What if you had to go to school or church with someone like Diotrephes? How should you interact with him? What would you say to people who don't like God because of how Diotrephes acts?

Let's Talk: Day 39

Today's Reading: Revelation 1 / Family Focus: verses 9-18

Have your child say the alphabet, then discuss different languages and how they have different letters. Check out the following website: <http://www.greek-language.com/Alphabet.html>, looking at the first and last letters. Jesus is the beginning and end and everything in between.

Questions:

1. Who is writing this book and where is he living?
2. What does Jesus say HE is (hint: think of the Greek alphabet)?
3. Who is the One, described as having white hair and eyes like flames? Close your eyes and listen to the description again. How did John respond when he saw him? What do you think you would do if you had been John?

4. Can you name any other times in the Bible where someone has had a vision?

Let's Talk: Day 40

Today's Reading: Revelation 2 / Family Focus: verses 1-7

Light a candle (or seven) and read this passage in the dark. Review from yesterday for context (Rev 1:20): what do the seven candlesticks represent? How is a candle a good picture of this? How does that tie to Jesus being the Light of the World?

Questions:

1. What is the first of the seven churches spoken of?
2. What was good about this church?
3. What does it mean to leave your first love? What does it look like when God is your first love? On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is God being on the throne of your heart, where are you?
4. What areas could you improve in your relationship with God?

Let's Talk: Day 41

Today's Reading: Psalms 139 / Family Focus: verses 1-4; 13-16

Give your child one minute to see how many different places they can sit down; then let them see how many places they can find in one minute to stand up. In all those places, God knows them and knows where they are.

Questions:

1. Have you ever tried to hide from a bad choice you made? What was the end result? Is there anything we can do or say that God doesn't already know about us? So is there any hope of ever trying to trick God?
2. Do you agree with the psalmist that you are fearfully and wonderfully made? What is one thing that you like about yourself or is unique about you? Family members can give suggestions here.
3. How old is David in verses 13 and 16? One way we know God's love for us is by his attention to details in our life – even before we

were born. Can you name something you have made that took a while because of all the little details?

Let's Talk: Day 42

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: How do we show God we love Him?

Memory Verse for the next series:

You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created. (Revelation 4:11)

We have spent much of this past week discussing the importance of loving one another and showing that in our actions, not just our words. As a family, decide to intentionally show love to someone else. Is there a neighbor in need? Do you want to make sandwiches and distribute them to the homeless? Do you want to each write three encouraging cards to people who God brings to your mind? Do you all want to forgo a treat of some kind and give that money to local missions? Pray God gives you the right idea for your family.