

Let's Talk: Day 57

Today's Reading: Revelation 13 / Family Focus: verses 11-18

During the tribulation, God allows the deceiver, Satan, a short time on earth to reign. You get a glimpse of how awful the world is without Jesus (also called "the truth" in John 14:6) on the throne. Share a time when you have been lied to or deceived. What did it feel like? What was the result?

Questions:

1. Who deceives all those on earth?
2. Did the beast do some apparently good things? What does that tell you about some deception?
3. What is the number of the beast?
4. How can we decide what is true and what are lies?

Let's Talk: Day 58

Today's Reading: Revelation 14 / Family Focus: verses 1-5

How high can you count? How long do you think it would take to count to 144,000? If you count one person per second it will take you 40 hours.

Directions:

1. Who was standing on Mount Zion? Why do you think they call Him "the Lamb" in this passage? Why not King of Kings or Almighty or Lord?
2. How many people were with Jesus?
3. Describe some of the sounds in this passage.
4. The 144,000 get to sing a "new song." From previous readings we already know that the elders sing praise [4:10-11, 11:16-17] and someday every creature will praise God [5:13]. Do you think all these praises might be sung at once someday? If so do you think they will blend together like an incredible symphony or do you

imagine something different? Do you think Christians will have a unique song?

Let's Talk: Day 59

Today's Reading: Revelation 15 / Family Focus: all verses

While the tribulation is occurring on earth, amazing things are also happening in heaven. As a family discuss and draw one picture together of what is described today.

Questions:

1. There is a lot of music in heaven. What is being sung in today's passage?
2. What do you think the temple looks like in heaven? (clue: Hebrews 9) What filled the temple and why?
3. What type of clothes do you think you will be wearing in heaven?
4. What do you think your life will be like in heaven?

Let's Talk: Day 60

Today's Reading: Revelation 16 / Family Focus: verses 17-21

Think about and discuss a time when you finished something (game, Lego set, homework, project, etc.). There are many feelings we have when completing a big project. What did you feel upon completion?

Questions:

1. What is heard from heaven after the seventh bowl is poured out? Have you heard a similar phrase in the Bible? By whom? (John 19:30)
2. What "natural" disaster occurs in today's passage? What is unique about it?
3. What happens to the mountains and islands?
4. How do you think God felt to be finished with these actions?
5. What do you think God feels when people reject Him and blaspheme (speak evil of) His name?

Let's Talk: Day 61

Today's Reading: Revelation 17 / Family Focus: verses 7-14

Revelation is a difficult book to understand. People have debated what specific verses mean for hundreds of years. Like a riddle that is difficult until you are told the answer, someday we will clearly understand it all and go "of course, how could it have meant anything else?" For family fun, tell each other some riddles (ideas: <http://thinks.com/riddles/a1-riddles.htm>).

Questions:

1. Who will be carried by the beast?
2. Who will the beast and his followers declare war against?
3. Jesus has power and authority over all leaders and rulers. How can we show respect for those who lead and still follow God's direction for us?
4. What would you pray for the leaders in your life (president, congress, governor, principals, teachers, etc.)? Take a couple of minutes to say a pray for these people.

Let's Talk: Day 62

Today's Reading: Daniel 7 / Family Focus: verses 13-14

Today's family focus was not directly quoted earlier in the week but is a great cross-reference with the events of Revelations. To have a multi-sensory experience for today's reading, go online and Google "types of clouds." Look at the variety of clouds. With what type of cloud do you think Jesus will come down from heaven?

Questions:

1. Who is speaking in this passage?
2. What will Jesus have power over on earth?
3. Describe what you think the government will be like when Jesus is in charge. Will we have money? Taxes? Schools? A Department of Defense?
4. What's the longest-running kingdom/government/dynasty that you know of in history? About how long did it last? Can you imagine a kingdom with no end? (for those who like history: <http://>

socyberty.com/history/10-dynasties-that-reigned-the-longest-in-history/]

Let's Talk: Day 63

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: Who sang a new song at the throne of God?

We as Christians know the end of the story: God wins. At the moment we are still engaged in daily battles to choose to live for Jesus. Take a few moments to think about the current battles in your own life where you might be struggling to do the right thing. Share one and be committed as a family this week to pray for each other. Then, go do something fun as a family! Be creative!