

Let's Talk: Day 92

Today's Reading: Mark 2 / Family Focus: verses 23-28

Jesus is the Lord of everything we have, we see, and of every aspect of life. Take a few moments to thank Jesus for all He has blessed you with.

Questions:

1. Who does Jesus refer to from the Old Testament?
2. Why were the Pharisees upset with Jesus?
3. When is the Sabbath? Do we still honor the Sabbath?
4. What does it mean that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath? Are there times when rules can be broken? Explain.

Let's Talk: Day 93

Today's Reading: Mark 3 / Family Focus: verses 1-6

Before reading the Bible passage, write down or discuss as many of Jesus' miracles as you can remember from the Bible. Then read the passage about another miracle Jesus performed.

Questions:

1. When did Jesus perform the miracle? What did he do to heal the man?
2. Why was Jesus angry with the Pharisees? Were the Pharisees interested at all in the wellbeing of the man that needed healing? How do you know?
3. Have you had a time when you were more worried about the rules than people?
4. Even though Jesus knew this was a trick what did Jesus do? Was he public or private about it? How can you follow this example when people might want to criticize you for following God over anything else?

Let's Talk: Day 94

Today's Reading: Mark 4 / Family Focus: verses 35-41

Fill a bowl/sink/tub with water. Find a few objects from around the house and ask the kids whether they think it will sink or float. The "seasoned fishermen" disciples were scared of the storm and thought they would sink. Jesus will always keep us afloat when we trust Him.

Questions:

1. Where was Jesus when the storm came? Where do you think you would have been?
2. How did Jesus calm the storm? Did you know that the spoken Word of God can calm the storms in your life, too? Do you have a verse that you are memorizing, or have memorized, to help you in your storms? Help each other to find one today.
3. After Jesus asked why they were afraid and why they had no faith, how did they respond? Where are you on the faith/fear scale of trusting God to calm the storms in your life?
4. Name a time when you had to depend on Jesus. What happened?

Let's Talk: Day 95

Today's Reading: Mark 5 / Family Focus: verses 35-43

Listen to the song or watch the video of "The Hurt and Healer" by Mercy Me: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KeNSIQWdgc&feature=related>. Jesus can help us if we have faith and believe.

Questions:

1. Who did Jesus bring to the house?
2. What did Jesus tell the dad to do? Was this easy or hard given the circumstance? Explain.
3. Why did Jesus tell the family not to tell anyone about the miracle? Do you think you could have been able to stay quiet about this amazing event that happened if you had been there? Why or why not?
4. Think over the last three days of reading. Can you imagine what it must have been like for Jesus to know how much power He had,

yet everyone around Him was fearful, was laughing at Him and scheming against Him? What would you have done? God's shows His love toward us in an amazing way by showing us so much patience.

Let's Talk: Day 96

Today's Reading: Mark 6 / Family Focus: verses 7-13

Take a couple of minutes to think about the people in your life. If God asked you to leave home and go tell others about Jesus, who would you want to go with you? What if it couldn't be a family member? Why did you pick this person?

Questions:

1. How did Jesus send out His disciples (in groups of how many)?
2. What were the disciples sent out to do?
3. From the details in these verses, how can we see that this trip was designed to increase the faith of the disciples just as much as it was to introduce faith to others? Are you like the disciples or are you like the people that the disciples were sent to reach? Why?
4. If people rejected the disciples' message, what were the disciples to do? Was it their responsibility to make people believe? What principles can we apply from this passage to help us share Jesus?

Let's Talk: Day 97

Today's Reading: 1 Samuel 21 / Family Focus: verses 1-6

Make your favorite sandwich and then see how many shapes you can cut it into. "Show" your bread creations to each other and enjoy. This passage was referenced on Day 93.

Questions:

1. What did David ask for from the priest?
2. What was the name of the bread and where was it from?
3. From Day 93 and today's reading we see that God is most interested in our following God with our heart and not just going through the motions of obeying rules in our head. How often do you

make choices because you want to serve God with your heart?
How often are you on autopilot?

Let's Talk: Day 98

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: What did Jesus say to the disciples during the storm at sea?

Talk about what Jesus has done in the life of your own family. Challenge each other to share these things with your friends, as Jesus tells us in Mark 5:19:

“However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, ‘Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.’”