

Let's Talk: Day 162

Today's Reading: 1 Corinthians 12 / Family Focus: verses 12-27

Set a timer for one minute and see how many body parts you can list as a family. There are many parts to God's family. We all have different functions and there isn't one part that is more important than any other one.

Questions:

1. What were all believers baptized by?
2. What body parts are discussed in this passage?
3. What "part" do you have as a member of the body of Christ (i.e. what is your gift)? How are you using it to benefit the body of Christ (the church)?
4. How could you use your gifts to reach others with the message of Jesus?
5. Why didn't God just give everyone the ability to do everything? Why give different gifts to different people?

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Today's Reading: 1 Corinthians 13 / Family Focus: all verses

Use some (or all) of the words from this chapter to make a card to give to someone (a neighbor, friend, family member). Talk about how we not only tell people we love them, but we show them by the way we act. God wants our entire life to be an example to others.

Questions:

1. Why is it worth nothing to have knowledge, understanding, faith and service if you don't have love?
2. Considering this definition of love, how loving are you to your family, friends, neighbors? Where would God like you to grow?
3. What should we abide in? Why do you think love is greater than hope or faith?

4. Love is more than an emotion; love comes with action. Describe ways to show others how much you love them.

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Today's Reading: 1 Corinthians 14 / Family Focus: verses 12-17

The gifts we have should be used to glorify God and give Him all the thanks. It is easy as a human to take a gift and think it is all about us and not what God has blessed us with. Watch this video about how Tim Tebow praises God for his gifts: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUe8NLZztY>

Questions:

1. How should we use our gifts?
2. What should we sing and pray with?
3. What gift do you have that can be used to praise God? How can you glorify God with this gift?
4. It is important that we not become too proud of our talents and gifts. Do you know anyone who brags about what they can do? How does it make you feel when you hear them? How could they act, instead, that would glorify God?

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Today's Reading: 1 Corinthians 15 / Family Focus: verses 12-19

Discuss or draw with your child/ren what the resurrection would have looked like (an empty tomb, rock rolled away, only garments left). Remind them that this isn't just a story, but it really happened and is the foundation of all we believe. Yet from the day of the resurrection, people have chosen not to believe it is true.

Questions:

1. What are we if Jesus did not rise from the dead?
2. What is our faith if Christ has not been raised? Is there any other way Jesus could be our Savior other than rising from the dead?
3. What would you say to someone who did not believe Jesus rose from the dead?

4. Why are we the most miserable of people if our hope in Christ is only in this life?

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Today's Reading: 1 Corinthians 16 / Family Focus: verses 13-14

Think about one of your favorite heroes. What makes them a hero or makes them special? The Bible asks us to be heroic for Christ, willing to take a stand even in hard times.

Questions:

1. What three things does Paul tell us to do in verse 13? How do we practically do each of them?
2. With what should we do all things?
3. Have you ever had a time when you had to be strong, brave and faithful? What happened?
4. Can you think of anyone else who was strong, brave or faithful for Jesus? Explain.

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Today's Reading: Isaiah 25 / Family Focus: verses 8-9

Today's reading was referenced in the chapter on Day 166, but was not in our family reading. It gives us promises of great things to come in eternity. Draw a picture of what you think it will be like. God promises that we will live with Him forever and we won't be sad. He will save us and take care of us. Watch this video about the boy who went to heaven and came back to earth: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJZR9fHa-Zw>

Questions:

1. In heaven, what will God wipe away from our faces?
2. In what will we be glad about and rejoice?
3. Is there anything we will not be able to do in heaven? What is it?
4. Do you remember any other times in the Bible when it describes dying and coming back to life?

Let's Talk: Day 168

Today's Reading: Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: Name three qualities of love found in 1Corinthians 13. (hint: there are more than three.)

We have been spending most of our time in 1Corinthians this week. After spending 18 months in the city of Corinth, Paul leaves to start new churches in other cities. Every chapter of this letter has Paul correcting the Corinthians in some area of their lives. Who in your life (besides your parents) do you trust to help you make wise choices? Do something to thank them, like sending them a note of thanks, this week.