

Let's Talk: Day 169

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

When you are really sad, hurt or depressed what makes you feel better? If someone tries to make you feel better what doesn't work?

Questions:

1. Who is writing to whom? What kind of greeting do they write? What do you think about that?
2. God is the Father of what and the God of what? How does that make you feel?
3. What is one reason that God says He comforts us?
4. Have you ever been comforted by anyone? Have you ever comforted someone else? Explain.

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Today's Reading: 2Corinthians 2 / Family Focus: verses 4-11

Today we are talking about forgiveness. Write the word "forgive" vertically down a paper and come up with an acrostic poem on what forgiveness means to your family. An acrostic poem is when each letter starts another word that describes the word FORGIVE.

Questions:

1. Why did Paul write his previous letter, 1 Corinthians? What emotions did he have writing it?
2. Have you ever had to correct someone who was wrong but you were doing it because you loved them? Have your parents acted that way to you when you have made a mistake?
3. If someone turns from their mistake (repents) and asks for forgiveness, what should you do? What does that look like practically? Does it mean you need to immediately trust them again? Why or why not?

4. When you are given an instruction, do you try to obey it with all your heart or do you look for a loophole on how to get out of it? What would God want you to do?

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Today's Reading: 2Corinthians 3 / Family Focus: verses 7-18

Our reading starts by showing Moses coming down the mountain with the Ten Commandments (and other laws) in his hands. That event is a symbol of the Old Testament law, which we are told was necessary to show us our sin, but was never meant to actually save us. How many of the Ten Commandments can your family name?

Questions:

1. What couldn't the children of Israel do to Moses? Why?
2. What's the difference between the Old Testament law and the New Testament grace?
3. What does it mean to have a veil over your heart?
4. Paul says that because he has hope he uses what? What does Paul have hope in? How does that make him bold?
5. How are we transformed into the same image of the glory of the Lord? Does it happen all at once?

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Today's Reading: 2Corinthian 4 / Family Focus: verses 13-18

What is the most treasured thing that you own? If there was a fire in your house, what is the one thing you would grab to save?

Questions:

1. What is the "outward man"?
2. What is the "inward man"? How is it renewed? What do you spend most of your time developing? The outward or inward man? How can you tell?
3. What kind of "light affliction" did Paul experience (hint: 2Corinthians 11:23-28). What does that work in us? Do you experience any affliction? Does this verse give you comfort?

4. What are some temporary things in this world? What are eternal things? How can you look at the things which aren't seen?

Let's Talk: Day 173

Today's Reading: 2Corinthian 5 / Family Focus: verses 17-21

We learned how God reveals himself through His creation. Today we are talking about transformation. What things in nature can you think of that begin one way but totally transform during their life cycle?

Questions:

1. Paul says if anyone is in Christ he is a what? Have you been made new? Have you asked Jesus to be your Savior?
2. If so, what old things in your life are passed away? Do you need to think about them or feel bad or guilty about them anymore?
3. An ambassador lives in a foreign country and speaks for the country he is from. He is a representative of his country of origin. At school, in your family, and in your neighborhood, do others see Jesus when they look at your life? How?
4. An ambassador is the source of information when people in a foreign country want to know about the ambassador's country. How do you tell people about Jesus and what He is all about?

Let's Talk: Day 174

Today's Reading: Exodus 34 / Family Focus: verses 29-35

Today's reading is referenced in 2Corinthians 3 from Day 172. Who else do we know was all bright and shiny when he was on a mountain [Matthew 17]?

Questions:

1. What was different about Moses when he came down the mountain?
2. How did that make the people feel? Why?
3. What did Moses do while he spoke to the people? What did Moses do when he went into the tabernacle to speak with God? Why?
4. What do you think you would do if you saw someone shining?

Let's Talk: Day 175

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: Why were the children of Israel scared of Moses?

Do something special with your Dad or another important man in your life. Take a few moments and thank your heavenly Father for loving you and watching over you always.