

## Let's Talk: Day 183

Today's Reading: 2Corinthians 11 / Family Focus: verses 21-33

Discuss with your family something that you think you do well. In today's passage, Paul describes some of his mission trips, including many of his trials, but not one time does he boast about how much God used him.

Questions:

1. Can you name a couple of bad things that happened to Paul on his trips? What would you have done if you were Paul?
2. What does Paul say he is concerned about? What does that mean?
3. Have you ever bragged about something you are good at or have done? Why?
4. What does Paul glory in or boast about?

## Let's Talk: Day 184

Today's Reading: 2Corinthians 12 / Family Focus: verses 5-10

Think about times in the Bible when Jesus healed people. Name some people he healed and the infirmities that they had. Paul also had a problem and prayed for it to be healed and taken from him.

Questions:

1. Why doesn't Paul boast or brag about anything he has done?
2. How many times did Paul plead to God that his infirmity be healed?
3. Could you just accept God's answer of "no" like Paul did? Why or why not?
4. Has God ever told you "no" when you prayed for something? Explain. What does Paul say is good about being weak? Have you ever seen that in someone's life?

## Let's Talk: Day 185

Today's Reading: 2Corinthians 13 / Family Focus: verses 5-9

When you go to the Doctor you are examined using a checklist. Now brainstorm with your family about a checklist that you could use to examine your Christian walk. What could you do to become closer to God and get to know Him more? (Examples: read your Bible, go to church, etc. Look back on the last week and how you spent your time. Is it pleasing to God?)

Questions:

1. What are we to test?
2. What can we do nothing against?
3. What can we do to test our faith and how can we examine ourselves?
4. How can we be weak this week so that Jesus may be made strong?

## Let's Talk: Day 186

Today's Reading: Luke 1 / Family Focus: verses 5-25

Can you imagine what it would be like if you could not talk? Zacharias was not able to speak because of how he doubted God. As a game, ask each person to take a turn asking a question. Everyone else in the family should answer the question without using their voice. Did you have a hard time understanding what your family was trying to "say"?

Questions:

1. Who was Zacharias' wife? Bonus: How was she related to Mary?
2. What is the name of the angel who spoke to Zacharias?
3. What would you do if an angel were to speak to you?
4. Do you think that was a fair consequence for Zacharias to be mute? Why or why not? What do you think the effect of his muteness was on the surrounding community?

## Let's Talk: Day 187

Today's Reading: Luke 2 / Family Focus: verses 1-17

With your family, watch one of the best Bible readings of Luke 2:8-14:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKk9rv2hUfA>

Questions:

1. From what city did Joseph and Mary start their journey and where did they stop?
2. Who were the first visitors to see the baby Jesus?
3. Discuss how you think those that saw the angels must have felt?
4. Why do you think Jesus had to come to earth as a baby? Why couldn't He just have appeared as a grown man?

### **Let's Talk: Day 188**

Today's Reading: Malachi 4 / Family Focus: All verses

Draw a picture or describe what you think it will be like when Jesus returns to earth. Jesus will come back with all believers to reign as the rightful king. How do you think you will feel when Jesus returns?

Questions:

1. What name is Jesus called in this passage? Why do you think God uses that image to describe Jesus?
2. Who will be sent to us?
3. How will we know when Jesus is going to return to earth?
4. As believers we have nothing to fear. How can you comfort others about Jesus' return?

### **Let's Talk: Day 189**

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: What does Paul say he is when he is weak?

We are so fortunate to live in a land where we are allowed to publicly worship God. Take some time to pray for the future of our country and our leaders.