

## Let's Talk: Day 197

Today's Reading: Luke 8 / Family Focus: verses 4-15

This week we will again read about parables of Jesus. Jesus explains how the Word of God is received by different people by using an illustration of how a seed grows when sown in different soils. As a family, plant a few seeds in two different kinds of soil and journal what you do every day to help the plant grow.

Questions:

1. Name the four different ways the seeds are planted?
2. What does the seed represent in this parable?
3. What type of soil are you?
4. How can you become "good soil" so the Word of God can grow in your heart?

## Let's Talk: Day 198

Today's Reading: Luke 9 / Family Focus: verses 28-36

Think about the people in your life with whom you are very close (best friend, relatives). Jesus had many followers and twelve disciples. Jesus also had a group of three men who were especially close to Him. We all need people who we can trust and talk to about events and problems in our life. Be sure to tell your friends how much they mean to you this week.

Questions:

1. Who did Jesus bring up to the mountain to see the transfiguration?
2. What came down and surrounded them?
3. Why do you think the disciples didn't tell anyone about what had happened?
4. Have you ever experienced something with a friend that made your friendship even closer?

## Let's Talk: Day 199

Today's Reading: Luke 10 / Family Focus: verses 38-42

Be sure to have a timer ready. Try to list as many pairs of words that are antonyms (opposites) as you can in a two minute time. The sisters we will read about today were completely opposite of one another too.

Questions:

1. What are the names of the sisters described in today's passage?
2. Which sister wanted to be with Jesus and listen to what He had to say?
3. Which type of person are you...Mary or Martha? Why?
4. Is it wrong to be one way or the other, like Mary and Martha? How can someone decide when they should do something and when they should sit and listen to Jesus (for us that might mean being still and listening through praying or reading)?

## Let's Talk: Day 200

Today's Reading: Luke 11 / Family Focus: verses 1-4

There are several ways to pray to God. One way is to use an ACTS prayer: **A** is for adoration, **C** is for confession, **T** is for Thanksgiving and **S** is for supplication. Another tool we can use is our hand: the thumb represents those closest to us, the pointer for teachers, the middle for leaders, the ring for those who are weak, and pinkie for those far away from us. Jesus gives us another example of how to pray in Luke. We don't have to pray the same way every time. We should just talk to God like we are talking to a friend.

Questions:

1. What did the disciples ask of Jesus? Why do you think they asked that?
2. What does Jesus ask for on a daily basis? What does bread represent?
3. What are some things you pray for when you are talking to God?
4. What are you grateful for? Thank God for that right now.

## Let's Talk: Day 201

Today's Reading: Luke 12 / Family Focus: verses 22-32

Sometimes it is hard not to worry. What are some things you worry about or get nervous about? Discuss with your family why you're nervous and what you do when you start feeling that way. When we are nervous or worried that is a good reminder that we need to pray and ask for peace and comfort for He is always with us.

Questions:

1. What does Jesus tell us not to worry about? How can looking at God's creation help us?
2. What should we seek?
3. When you get nervous about the future how can you combat that worry?
4. Do you think Jesus' disciples were worried a lot? Would you have been worried if you had lived with Jesus and spent time with Him the way they did?

## Let's Talk: Day 202

Today's Reading: Proverbs 8 / Family Focus: verses 33-35

Think about what it means to be wise. Wisdom is something much deeper than being smart in school. It is using your brains in a common sense everyday way. Talk with your family about people you know or have heard of who are wise. Why were these people seen as wise?

Questions:

1. What must you hear to be wise? Is that always easy?
2. Who is the "I" in this passage (see verses 1-3)?
3. What does it mean to watch at the gates and wait at the door? (in the Old Testament this is where all city activity happened; all the external influences came through the gate.)
4. Do you think you can "become" wise? Extra credit: who was the wisest man to ever live (not including Jesus)? Extra-extra credit: How did he get so wise? (1Kings 3)

## **Let's Talk: Day 203**

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: Who were the two men who talked to Jesus on the mountain during the transfiguration?

If you are able, go fishing this week. While you are fishing, talk with your children about the tools you need to fish and then compare them to the tools you need to be a fisher of men.