

## Let's Talk: Day 211

Today's Reading: Luke 18 / Family Focus: verses 9-17

Attitude can make all the difference. Watch the video of Kurt Warner, former NFL quarterback star. He gives thanks to God and then to the fans who support him: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MdTLqmY5x3M>. He doesn't put himself on a pedestal and think that he is better than everyone else. How is your attitude?

Questions:

1. What did the tax collector pray when he went to the temple?
2. How does that compare with the Pharisee's prayer? Do you think the Pharisee knew he wasn't being grateful and humble?
3. Do you think you pray more like the tax collector or Pharisee? How can you stay humble?
4. Who does Jesus say should always come to Him and never be forbidden? How does that make you feel?

## Let's Talk: Day 212

Today's Reading: Luke 19 / Family Focus: verses 28-48

Today we are reading about when Jesus entered the city before He was crucified. Talk with your family about what kind of party you would have planned for Jesus if you had lived during that time. Every day we get a chance to celebrate Jesus and His amazing sacrifice for us. What will you do to say, "thank you" to Him today?

Questions:

1. What did the disciples get for Jesus to ride on?
2. What did Jesus say God's House was turned in to?
3. What other celebration was happening at this time?
4. How do you think Jesus felt entering the city and loving the people so much yet knowing that while they celebrated Him at that moment, in a few days' time they would be calling for His death?

## Let's Talk: Day 213

Today's Reading: Luke 20 / Family Focus: verses 19-26

Gather a coin of every value. Take time to look at each one and discover who is represented on each coin (if needed, search Google or look in a book). The people on our coins were important as were those on the coins in Jesus' time.

Questions:

1. What did the Pharisee's spies ask Jesus?
2. Why were they trying to trick Him?
3. Whose picture was on their denarius [coin]?
4. What do you think you should give to God? Why do you think the people were impressed with the answer Jesus gave?

## Let's Talk: Day 214

Today's Reading: Luke 21 / Family Focus: verses 1-4

We have spent a few days reading about giving. Think about what you have given this year. Now imagine giving away everything you own. Do you think you could give away all your belongings?

Questions:

1. How much did the poor widow give? (this is less than any coin value we have.)
2. What did Jesus say about her offering?
3. What is the difference between giving of your abundance and giving to the point where it really costs you something? Have you ever given more than just out of your "extra" or abundance? What was that like?
4. What emotion do you think the widow woman had as she walked away from the treasury? Why?

## Let's Talk: Day 215

Today's Reading: Luke 22 / Family Focus: verses 39-46

Jesus spent the hours before His death knowing the pain He would have to go through to accomplish His purpose on Earth. Watch this video about our journey to the same place Jesus was thinking about in this passage: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdq9Q8wJdic>. Take a moment to thank God for what He did on the cross for you. Are you willing to lay your life down on the cross as well so He can accomplish His purpose in you?

Questions:

1. What did Jesus ask of God the Father?
2. What did Jesus' sweat become while He was praying?
3. Why do you think that His friends fell asleep during this time of crisis?
4. Why did Jesus pray that the "cup" be taken away when He knew He had to die so we could all live? Has there ever been something you didn't want to do but you did because it was the right thing to do? Explain.

### **Let's Talk: Day 216**

Today's Reading: Isaiah 56 / Family Focus: verse 7

Today's verse was quoted from Luke 19 on Day 213. As a family, look at a map of the world. Ask each family member to select a country and pray for the people in that country. Pray that they may know Jesus and that God will make His presence known in their life.

Questions:

1. How will people feel in the house of prayer?
2. For whom is the house of prayer intended? (read previous verses for context)
3. Who are some other people in your life for whom you may want to pray?
4. If someone could look at your last week, how important would they say prayer is in your life? Is this an area in which you need to grow?

### **Let's Talk: Day 217**

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: What did Jesus show His disciples to prove that He had risen?

Begin a prayer journal for all the people and countries you are praying for. Add to your list and keep track of answered prayers. When you don't know what to say, you can pray specific verses for people too.