

### Let's Talk: Day 337

Today's Reading: Matthew 9 / Family Focus: verses 9-13

Set a timer for four minutes. In those minutes, name as many reasons as you can for why someone would go to the doctor. Jesus talks about how we need a doctor when we are sick. He compares this illustration with why He came to earth.

Questions:

1. What was Matthew's occupation / job?
2. Who are Pharisees and what were they upset about? Why?
3. If Jesus came for the sinners, and not the righteous, are there people that don't need to be saved? Why or why not? (Hint: Romans 3:10 tells us the number of righteous people there are).
4. If Jesus had shown up at the Pharisee's door and said, "Follow me," do you think he would have obeyed? When Jesus asks you to follow Him do you obey? How is this passage about our attitude?

### Let's Talk: Day 338

Today's Reading: Matthew 10 / Family Focus: verses 11-16

Today we will read about meeting new people with the hope of sharing Christ with them. To prepare to greet different types of people, practice together saying "hello" in a few different languages: Spanish - hola! German - Guten Tag (GOO-ten tahk) Japanese - Konnichiwa (Ko-NEE-chee-wa) Russian - Привет! (pree-vyet) Australian - G'Day Mate

Questions:

1. What should you do when you go into a house? What were the disciples supposed to shake from their feet if they were not welcomed?
2. Is there ever a time when you stop telling someone about Jesus and shake the dust from your feet? When would that be?

3. What does it mean to be sheep among wolves? How might that be true of us today?
4. What does it mean to be wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove? Can you think of any Bible characters that fit this description? How can we live that way?

### **Let's Talk: Day 339**

Today's Reading: Matthew 11 / Family Focus: verses 25-30

Parents, find something heavy (milk jug, hand weight, etc.) to carry from one side of the room to the other. Ask your child to carry it on their own. Was it heavy and hard to carry? Then help the children carry the object. Ask your child how heavy it was the second time. Finally, pick up the object yourself and carry it with your child walking beside you. Which time was the easiest for your child? Jesus tells us He will give us rest if we come to Him; His burden is light.

Questions:

1. From this passage, what can you learn about the relationship Jesus has with God the Father?
2. How can **we** know God the Father?
3. What things in life can make us feel like we are carrying a heavy burden? How can we find rest?
4. How can learning about Jesus make our burden light? Has anyone in your family experienced this? If so, share.

### **Let's Talk: Day 340**

Today's Reading: Matthew 12 / Family Focus: verses 33-37

Have each family member draw a picture of their favorite fruit. Then discuss where this fruit comes from (a tree, bush, vine, etc.). Can one tree grow different kinds of fruit?

Questions:

1. By what is a tree known?
2. What is our "fruit"? Where in our body do our words originate?
3. In this passage, with whom was Jesus angry (verse 24)? What made Him angry?

4. What kind of fruit do you produce? What can you do to make sure you are bearing good fruit?

### **Let's Talk: Day 341**

Today's Reading: Matthew 13 / Family Focus: verses 10-23

Watch this fun Lego video that tells the parable of the seed sower:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9LwHXaKZPE&feature=related>.

Questions:

1. Why did Jesus speak in parables?
2. What does it mean to "see but not see" or "hear but not hear"? Has that ever happened to you?
3. How much fruit will the good ground produce?
4. What kind of ground is in your heart: wayside, stony, weed-choked, good? How do you know?

### **Let's Talk: Day 342**

Today's Reading: Hosea 6 / Family Focus: verse 6

Today's verse is quoted on Day 338 in Matthew 9. Watch the following video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zYCw1apFYV0> "Let Mercy Hold You" by Me in Motion. What do you learn about mercy in this song?

Questions:

1. What does God desire? What does that mean (use the dictionary if needed)?
2. Are you a merciful person? Who do you know that is merciful?
3. What does God want more than burnt offerings?
4. What are 10 things that you know about God? Do you know one thing that He loves and one thing that He hates?
5. Why would God want these two things found in today's verse more than sacrifices?

## Let's Talk: Day 343

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: After He sent the crowds away, what did Jesus do? Matthew 14

This week we discussed the importance of learning about Jesus, the knowledge of God and being merciful. It is easy to forget the very person we are supposed to be celebrating with our lives. Take a moment as a family to be still. After a minute or so let each family member share something they have learned about God, for which they are thankful. If you still have their attention, you could also share one area in which you would like to grow over the next year.