

Let's Talk: Day 50-One Story

Moses & Pharaoh – God's Message to Pharaoh & Pharaoh's Arrogant Rejection

Today's Reading: Exodus 5 & 6:1-13; Nehemiah 9:9-10

Go outside and find a rock in the shape of a heart, or draw a heart on a rock with a Sharpie. Clean it and put it where you can see it to remind you of Pharaoh's rock-hard heart. Pray that if you have a hard, stubborn heart God would soften it today.

Questions:

1. How did Pharaoh respond when Moses asked for permission to have the Hebrew people go and sacrifice to God?
2. Moses meant good for the people but in the stress of the moment, their relationship was strained. Can you think of a time when you had a strained relationship with someone you know cares for you [adult/child, friend/friend or other]?
3. How did God reassure Moses? What reminder does this story give us about God's timing versus our timing?
4. God could create a world for us in which He delivered us before any trial starts. Why do you think He chooses not to do that?

Let's Talk: Day 51

Moses & Miracles – God Reveals Himself through Miracles & Plagues

Today's Reading: Exodus 7 & 8; Psalm 105:23-28

Take a few minutes and watch the "Passover Rhapsody – a Jewish Rock Opera" at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRWNrk7FxG4&list=RD-9ki5FycGyQ> or listen to this rap of the 10 plagues at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9ki5FycGyQ>.

Questions:

1. How can God use people's disobedience or stubbornness (like Pharaoh) for His own glory?

2. How did Pharaoh's refusal to obey God negatively affect the people around him? Can you think of a time when your own disobedience affected someone in addition to yourself?
3. What could the magicians do? What could they not do? Why do you think that is?
4. Do you think Pharaoh ever intended to follow through on his word? Which of the plagues that we read about today do you think was the worst? Why?

Let's Talk: Day 52

Moses & Passover – The Origin of the Passover Lamb & Jesus our Passover Lamb

Today's Reading: Exodus 11 & 12; 1Corinthians 5:7

Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of the Passover lamb. Several of the traditions created during that first Passover foreshadows His sacrifice. For more details go to: <http://www.godandscience.org/apologetics/passover.html>

Questions:

1. What was the final plague?
2. How did Moses' relationship with the Israelites and Egyptians change? What caused that change?
3. Describe the steps involved in Passover? How does it foreshadow Christ's sacrifice for us?
4. How often should the Passover be kept and by whom? Do you have any traditions you keep as a family to remember an event or something God has done?

Let's Talk: Day 53

Moses & the Red Sea – Moses' Faith at the Passover & Crossing the Red Sea

Today's Reading: Exodus 13 & 14; Hebrews 11:24-29

Try this little demonstration: Take a glass of water and add a couple of ice cubes. Place a string in the water and show how the string can't pick up an ice cube. But, if you lay the string on the ice cube, add table salt, let sit for a minute, the string will pick up the ice cube. This, like the

Israelites crossing the Red Sea, shows that “with God, all things are possible.”

Questions:

1. How did God lead the people? How did God protect the people from the Egyptians?
2. How did the people respond when they saw the Egyptians coming? Does that surprise you after they watched God do the miracles of the 10 plagues? What does it say of their relationship with God?
3. What are some ways that God leads you? How does He lead your family? When is the last time God gave you clear direction?
4. What are some ways that Moses showed his faith in God as listed in Hebrews 11? Looking at one another’s lives, can you find evidence of faith in your actions?

Let’s Talk: Day 54

Moses & his Songs – Three of Moses’ Songs in Scripture
Today’s Reading: Exodus 15; Psalm 90; Revelations 15:1-4

Play “Name that Tune.” Take turns having one person hum a song while the others guess the name of the song. OR Many of the songs in the bible were meant to be sung with instruments. If your family is musical, sing or play instruments together. If not, sing anyway! It could be a great time laughing together!

Questions:

1. How did Moses describe the crossing of the Red Sea? How does Moses act as a “coach” to the people by putting the story of their deliverance to song?
2. Who got involved in singing the song Moses wrote? Why is it important for us to worship God?
3. We can learn a lot about the relationship Moses had with God by his prayer in Psalm 90. How does Moses talk about God and how He relates to man?
4. When will people sing the song of Moses again? How cool is that?

Let’s Talk: Day 55

Moses & the Manna – the Bread from Heaven & the Word of God
Today’s Reading: Exodus 16; Deuteronomy 8; Matthew 4:1-4

How many types of bread can you name? Why do so many people eat bread? How is it good for us? In Ethiopia, they use bread as a utensil. Try it! OR Watch the movie or read the book, *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* by Judi Barrett. Ask your kids what it would be like if syrup rained down from the sky, if meatballs hit like hail or spaghetti tied up your town. What would it be like if the same food fell from the sky every day? What food could you eat every day?

Questions:

1. About what did the people complain? If God did the miracles of the plagues, do you think He is capable of feeding them? Why would the people doubt God?
2. Can you think of a difficult time in your life where it was hard to remember all the past ways God had taken care of you? What can you do to minimize that from happening?
3. How does Moses coach the people to gather manna? What comparisons can you make with that and our relationship with God through consuming His Word?
4. How many days do you go without food? Do you ever go without spiritual food? How do you think that affects your spiritual health? What can you do as a family and individually to coach each other to consume enough “spiritual” calories?

Let's Talk: Day 56

Today's Reading: Weekly Day OFF

Weekly Review: Think back on this week's reading. What story stands out to you and why? As a family, pick a verse on which to meditate or memorize [suggestions: Exodus 3:14, 4:12, 13:8].

Preview Family Activity: Another Grace@Home building block for a parent is to be their child's coach. Coaches encourage, train, exhort, correct, bench, and celebrate their players. For those sports fans in the family, share some names of great coaches and what made them great. If you have had a coach you admire why? Make a list of traits that make a good coach and traits that make a bad coach. Share with your kids some things you, as a parent, would like to do better as their “coach.” This week use a whistle and let the kids take turns blowing it when they see you doing a good job “coaching” them. As you continue

to read the story of Moses this week, consider what kind of coach he was to the Hebrews.