

Let's Talk: Day 57-One Story

Moses & Water from the Rock – Moses Strikes the Rock (i.e. Christ) for Life-Giving Water

Today's Reading: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:12-25; 1Corinthians 10:1-4

Eat a salty snack while talking about today's readings but don't have a drink with it. How thirsty are you at the end? Can you remember a time that you were really, really thirsty?

Questions:

1. What are the people complaining about in today's reading? What are some of the emotions and thoughts Moses might have had in regards to his relationship with the people?
2. Would you have wanted to have been Moses (You could talk to God in person but you would have to coach a complaining people.) Why or why not?
3. Do you think your parents can get tired of coaching you? Do you ever act like the children of Israel do to Moses? Do you believe your parents are trying to coach you to what is best? What does responding well to coaching look like?
4. How is Moses striking the rock to get water a picture of what Jesus (as the Rock) endured for us?

Let's Talk: Day 58

Moses & Holding up his Arms – Israel's Warfare & Moses' Prayer (Supported by Others)

Today's Reading: Exodus 17:8-15; Deuteronomy 25:17-19; 1Timothy 2:8

Try this game as a family: Sit in a circle and link your arms. Try to stand up as a group, without breaking the linked arms. Could you work as a team to accomplish the task? How else can your family work as a team?

Questions:

1. Moses is the leader/coach but he relied on several people in this passage. Name some of them. Discuss how every member plays a part in your family's success. What does victory look like in your family?
2. How is prayer pictured in this story in Exodus [key: 1 Timothy 2:8]? Who "lifts up your arms" to pray with you both in the family and people outside your family?
3. Why is it important to not be alone in prayer (think Moses in the story)? Do you have an example when someone "lifted you up" by praying for or with you? Who could you ask to pray with you on a consistent basis?
4. What does God say will happen to Amalek someday? Do you trust that in God's timing He will take care of all of your enemies?

Let's Talk: Day 59

Moses & Delegation – Moses is Overwhelmed & the Importance of Others

Today's Reading: Exodus 18; Numbers 11:14-30; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Have each family member share one of their jobs that they wish they had help doing. Buddy up to get the work done together. Discuss how sharing the job made a difference.

Questions:

1. How did Jethro coach Moses? Have everyone in the family name someone who coaches them (kids – name someone besides your parents).
2. What can you learn about the character of Moses in this Exodus chapter?
3. Later in Numbers Moses was again overwhelmed. What did God counsel him to do? Do you ever feel overwhelmed? What can you do about it?
4. Do you prefer to work alone or in a team? What are some of the benefits of working in a team? What are the drawbacks?

Let's Talk: Day 60

Israel & a Special People – Israel (& the Church) Is a Special People & Kingdom of Priests

Today's Reading: Exodus 19; Deuteronomy 7:6-11; 1Peter 2:4-12

God told Moses that the people would be a special treasure if they followed God's instructions. Hide a treasure in your house (maybe a good snack or a few dollars with which you can go out for a treat). Then create a scavenger hunt with instructions for your kids to follow to find the treasure.

Questions:

1. What were the directions that God gave to the people through Moses? What promises were associated with these directions?
2. Why couldn't the people touch the mountain? What can we learn about the character of God from this passage?
3. Would you have wanted to be Moses and go up the mountain in this passage? Why or why not?
4. How does 1Peter 2 give Christians a similar promise as the Israelites in Exodus? How are you royalty?

Let's Talk: Day 61

The 10 Commandments – Love Fulfills the Law & the Implication of Breaking One Law

Today's Reading: Exodus 20; Romans 13:8-10; James 2:8-11

There are several YouTube videos with songs regarding the 10 commandments. Here are a couple: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iNRzwn3UZ8Q>, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9K4q22kMzm4>

Questions:

1. Each of the 10 commandments is focused on either our relationship with God or our relationship with others. Go through each commandment and decide its focus.
2. How do these commandments help Moses train God's people? Which commandment is hardest for you to obey? Why? What training from your parents is hard to obey?
3. What was the people's response to God's voice? Why would God tell the people to only build Him an altar from the earth, without altering or sculpting any of the stones?
4. Explain how truly loving your neighbor encompasses several of the commandments.

Let's Talk: Day 62

The Old Testament Laws – The Law Leads People to Christ & the Two Most Important Laws

Today's Reading: Exodus 21; Matthew 22:34-40; Galatians 3:19-26

If you could make up any rule that everyone would have to obey, what would it be? Make up a rule that everyone has to follow during your family time. Afterward discuss: Were the rules you made up hard to follow? Were they helpful? Were they reasonable rules?

Questions:

1. God gave the people many more commandments than just the 10 we're familiar with. Name two additional commands you read about in Exodus 21.
2. Are you surprised by any of these commands? If so, which one and why?
3. What does Jesus say are the two greatest commandments? Why are they the greatest?
4. For what was the law meant to train us? Does God believe we can keep every law? So what should our attitude toward these commands be?

Let's Talk: Day 63

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 to meditate on or memorize [suggestions: Exodus 15:2, Deuteronomy 8:6, Psalm 90:1, Ecclesiastes 4:12, Matthew 4:4].

Preview Family Activity: This week's Grace@Home building block is "Training." Have every member of the family pick something out that they are good at and then train the rest of the family. Some ideas: training how to make a meal, check the oil in the car, learn an artistic or sports-related skill or become familiar with a new app. Why is training important? Do you like being trained? Why or why not? How important is the job of the trainer? Be watching this week what training occurs in the Bible reading.