

Let's Talk: Day 64-One Story

Moses & the Golden Calf – Moses' Absence for 40 days & Israel's Idolatry

Today's Reading: Exodus 32; Psalm 106:19-23; Acts 7:37-43

Idols do not need to be made of gold. Anything that fills our heart and mind is an idol. It could be sports, technology, fashion or anything that takes the place of God. Turn on the TV and watch some commercials or look through some ads in magazines. What do you think are some idols in today's culture? Can you think of any idols in your family life? How can you change that?

Questions:

1. How had the people forgotten their training from Moses when they approached Aaron? When your parents are away, do you still follow their training? How can this be challenging?
2. If Aaron wanted to train the people correctly, how should he have responded to their request?
3. What were the consequences of their actions?
4. How is Moses a picture of Jesus for us?

Let's Talk: Day 65

Moses & Seeing God – Moses' Face Shines With God's Glory After Being in God's Presence

Today's Reading: Exodus 33 & 34; 2Corinthians 3

Have your mom kiss you after applying lipstick or your dad hug you while wearing shaving cream. Or go have a coffee at a coffee shop. Afterwards, ask someone if they can guess who you have been with or where you have been. Was there something different about you that led them to know? Can people tell when you've spent time with Jesus too?

Questions:

1. What kind of people does God say the Israelites are? What evidence of that can you see in their actions in Exodus? How can you tell if you are that kind of person?
2. How could Joshua be considered the apprentice of Moses? What training do you think Joshua received? How do you think staying in the tabernacle or on the mountain made Joshua a good leader later in life?
3. What do we learn about God's character in these Exodus chapters? How can He be both holy and forgiving?
4. What happened to the face of Moses after he had spent time with God? How can we spend time with Jesus? Practically, how can the world see a difference in us?

Let's Talk: Day 66

Moses Finishes the Tabernacle – The Earthly Tabernacle Pictures
God's Heavenly Tabernacle

Today's Reading: Exodus 40; Hebrews 8:1-10; Hebrews 9:1-15

As you read today, draw the tabernacle and where the different pieces fit in it. OR can you use sheets, boxes or Legos to build your own tabernacle?

Questions:

1. Name some of the items that were put in the tabernacle.
2. What does the cloud represent? Which would you prefer: following a physical cloud or following the Holy Spirit in your heart? Why?
3. The tabernacle that God told Moses to build was a picture of what? Have you ever thought about that before? It's like a God clue into the world we can't see yet.
4. How can Jesus Christ be both the high priest and the perfect sacrifice?

Let's Talk: Day 67

The Sin Offering – The Sin Offering in the Old Testament Foreshadows
Christ's Sacrifice

Today's Reading: Leviticus 4:1-12; Hebrews 9:16-28; Hebrews
10:1-18

Jesus came to earth with the mission of dying for our sins and rising from the dead, conquering sin and death. Have each family member share what their “mission for God” might be here on the earth.

Questions:

1. In the Old Testament, what did a person have to do if they had unintentionally sinned?
2. What do we as Christians do if we unintentionally sin?
3. What has to happen for a testament to take effect? When did the New Testament principles really take effect?
4. Could the blood of animals take away sin? Why did they offer sacrifices in the Old Testament then?

Let's Talk: Day 68

Priests vs. Nadab/Abihu – The True Priests in the Old (Levites) & New (Christians) Testaments

Today's Reading: Leviticus 9 & 10:1-7; Revelation 1:5-6

For a special treat, roast s'mores. Have one family member instruct the rest exactly how they are to be made. How is this similar to the exact instructions for making sacrifices that God gave to the priests?

Questions:

1. For whom was the first sin offering in this chapter? Why do you think this needed to be first?
2. How many different “offerings” can you find in the Leviticus passages? What is different about them? What kinds of offerings can you give to God?
3. These people were required to give offerings. Are you? Why or why not?
4. Nadab and Abihu were priests of God. Did they act responsibly? Explain. We are priests too. How can we take that responsibility seriously?

Let's Talk: Day 69

Love Your Neighbor – Love Your Enemy, Who Is Your Neighbor & the Good Samaritan

Today's Reading: Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 5:43-48; Luke 10:25-37

This week, search various media sources looking for examples of people helping their “neighbors.” Share them daily as an encouragement and motivation for each other.

Questions:

1. In Leviticus, what does God say about our neighbors? Jesus brought this verse up in His teachings too. Do you think people struggled with this idea? Why?
2. Besides loving our enemies, what other instructions does Jesus give? Why is this so hard? What kind of example did Jesus set for us?
3. Do you ever pray for your enemies? Is there someone you need to pray for now who hasn't treated you kindly?
4. Based on this parable, how do you think Jesus defines a “neighbor”? Now that you understand the responsibility, how could you love your neighbor this week?

Let's Talk: Day 70

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 20:3, 12; Romans 8:10, Galatians 3:24].

Preview Family Activity: Our current generation of kids has been known to expect the privileges of maturity without the responsibility that is associated with it. This week's Grace@Home building block is “Responsibility.” If this is an emotionally charged subject with your family, you can create safety by first discussing the topic in the third person. As a family, identify people in the news (or fictional people from TV, books or other media sources) who act responsibly and those who do not. What makes them famous? How does their story end? As you do your OWNit reading this week, decide which Biblical characters act responsibly.