

## Let's Talk: Day 78-One Story

The Priests & Tithing – The People Tithe 10% & the Priests Tithe 10%  
Today's Reading: Numbers 18; Deuteronomy 14:22-29; Malachi 3:8-12

Does every person in the family tithe 10% of the money they get? If not, would you be willing to start this week? You can also tithe time. Look at the free time you have in your schedule and see if you can use some of it to serve God by helping at church or assisting a neighbor or friend in some way.

Questions:

1. Why was it so important for only priests to touch the articles inside the tabernacle? Why is it no longer important?
2. On what did the Levites and priests live since they received no inheritance? How do you think they managed when Israel was in sin and maybe not making their offerings?
3. What were the Levites supposed to give to God? Have you ever wondered where your tithe goes in your church? You can ask the leadership or often look online.
4. How can we rob God? How does that actually hurt us? How is giving an accountability thing God does for us to show our love? What does God say will happen when we bring our tithes to Him?

## Let's Talk: Day 79

Striking the Rock Twice – Moses' Anger With Israel & Christ the Rock (Struck Once at the Cross)  
Today's Reading: Numbers 20; 1Corinthians 10:1-4; James 1:19-20

Ask kids to tell you things that make them mad or things they know make Mom and Dad mad. As they name each thing, shake up a can of pop. Then ask, what would happen if I opened this now? Talk about taking time to calm down and ask how they control their anger. Remind them that God can help them. Take time to discuss controlling anger while the pop has time to settle down. Then dramatically open it toward

them. When nothing happens, tell them that this is how we can be angry and not sin.

Questions:

1. What argument does Israel have with Moses in today's reading? Does it sound familiar?
2. Do you have any "weak spots" where you continually doubt or question God? Is that wrong? How can you address it?
3. What emotion was Moses experiencing during this latest argument? What did he do? What do you think he wished he had done? Even great people have weak spots. What is your weak spot? How can you pray to have victory over that?
4. What was Moses' consequence for disobeying and reacting in anger? Do you think you would have reacted differently? What did the rock represent?

## Let's Talk: Day 80

The Bronze Serpent – Israel's Complaints, God's Judgments & Christ on the Cross

Today's Reading: Numbers 21:1-9; John 3:14-17; 1 Corinthians 10:5-12

When the Israelites faced trials, they forgot God's past deliverances. As a family, begin a tradition of writing down answered prayers and blessings so you don't forget the victories. Start today!

Questions:

1. When the people became discouraged, what did they do? Can you think of a time when you were discouraged? What did you do?
2. How were the people held accountable for blaming God for their troubles and doubting His plan? Do you think this was right? Why or why not?
3. What does the bronze serpent picture for us in the New Testament? What can we learn from this Old Testament example?
4. Do you think anyone chose not to look at the bronze serpent? Why? Can you imagine why anyone would not want to believe and accept what Christ did for them on the cross? Why?

## Let's Talk: Day 81

Balaam & the Donkey – King Balak's Offer to the Prophet Balaam & Balaam's Greed

Today's Reading: Numbers 22 & 23; 2Peter 2:15-16

Act out Numbers 22:23-31. God gave animals special abilities to perceive. Check out <http://www.care2.com/greenliving/5-incredible-things-dogs-sense-about-you.html> to learn a few.

Questions:

1. Was Balaam an Israelite? What kind of relationship did he have with God? Do you ever wonder if other men and women throughout history had that kind of relationship with God but it is not recorded in the Bible?
2. What did Balak want Balaam to do? What did God tell Balaam? Why was God angry? (What clue do we get in 2 Peter that shows us Balaam's heart?)
3. How did God miraculously use the donkey? If He can speak through an animal, should we ever doubt God being able to speak through us?
4. What did Balaam end up saying to Balak and the people?

## Let's Talk: Day 82

Phineas & Baal-Peor – Israel's Sin Against God & Phineas' Passion for God

Today's Reading: Numbers 25\*; Psalm 106:24-31; Revelation 2:14

What are some traits that you want to find in a mate? What do you hope are some of their likes? How important is it to choose a spouse who loves God?

Questions:

1. The Israelites were sinning and people weren't standing up to declare it was wrong. How did Phineas' actions stand out?
2. The New Testament says people will know us as Christians by our love. How can we be zealous for God in our love for one another and the lost world?
3. Life definitely doesn't go the way we want sometimes. How can we keep from complaining and seeing only the negative?

4. Even though Balaam didn't curse Israel like Balak wanted, what do we learn in Revelation about what he did do? So did Balaam love God? What can we learn about people who sometimes say they speak on behalf of God but then their works don't show the same?

\* CAUTION: Parents of younger children should always share the truth but may want to use discretion in explaining the specifics detailed in this chapter.

### **Let's Talk: Day 83**

The Story of Their Wandering – Reviewing Israel's History & the Word of God

Today's Reading: Deuteronomy 1, 2 & 4:1-14

Take some time and look through old family photo albums together. Enjoy the memories of time spent together.

Questions:

1. After 40 years of wandering, what does God tell the people it is time to do? Do you think God intended for the people to wander for 40 years? Why or why not? Are there ways you can avoid "wandering" in your own life?
2. Why do you think God takes the time to review the history of Israel? Why is remembering your own history important to your legacy?
3. What three areas of land did God say the Israelites could not have because they were going to descendants of various people? Do you recognize the names of those people?
4. Why does God want the people to remember the day the people got the 10 commandments at Mount Horeb?

### **Let's Talk: Day 84**

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: Malachi 3:10, Luke 6:45, John 3:16, James 1:19).

Preview Family Activity: Our "legacy" is something handed down from our ancestors. People often think of it in terms of money or an

inheritance, but we can leave a spiritual legacy as well. Ask your kids what they see about the character traits, personalities, traditions and spiritual life of your own family that they can trace back to grandparents or beyond. Then ask them what they would like to leave their children and grandchildren as their own legacy. What item that they own is most precious to pass down? What character traits and traditions do they want to pass on?