

Let's Talk: Day 85-One Story

The Shema & the #1 Commandment – God Is One, Love God & Keep God's Commandments

Today's Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-5; Mark 12:28-34; John 14:21-24

Give a piece of paper to each member of the family. If you only had one more time to communicate with your family, what do you think would be most important to tell them? Write or draw your answer.

Questions:

1. What is the greatest commandment? Why do you think it is the greatest?
2. Why do the commandments need to be in our heart and not just our mind? Are God's commands in your heart and your mind? How can you grow in this area?
3. What are some practical ways that you can talk about God when you 1) sit in your house; 2) walk by the way; 3) when you lie down; and 4) when you rise up?
4. How does obedience show love? Kids, are you good at showing your love to your parents through your obedience?

Let's Talk: Day 86

How to Raise Children – Parents Should Obey the Word & Teach the Word

Today's Reading: Deuteronomy 6:6-25; Deuteronomy 11; 2Timothy 3:14-17 Kids, share something that your parents have taught you about God. Parents, can you share something that your parents taught you about God? Kids, what legacy do you want to pass on to your children? What is one thing you would want your kids to know about God?

Questions:

1. Have each family member answer: what is your favorite way and time of day to learn about God?

2. What was God's purpose for His commandments? Parents, what is the purpose for your commands? Are you able to share the meaning of them to your children?
3. As they head into the promised land, what is the blessing and the curse that God puts before Israel? Do you think that applies at all to families today? Why or why not?
4. As a family, define what the following mean: doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness. How did Timothy's mom live out Deuteronomy 6 [see Acts 16:1]?

Let's Talk: Day 87

The Story of Their Rebellions – Reviewing Israel's Rebellions & God's Redemption

Today's Reading: Deuteronomy 9 & 10; Psalm 78:40-59

Give everyone two signs: one a picture you draw to represent the Israelites and one that represents God (maybe a triangle to represent the Trinity). As you read the verses, every time you read about Israel's behavior, raise the Israelites' sign. Every time you read about God's faithfulness, raise the sign you made to symbolize God.

Questions:

1. Why is the Lord going to drive out the nations from the promised land? Is it because of Israel's righteousness?
2. How does Moses characterize the people of Israel?
3. What do we learn about God's mercy and long-suffering from these passages? How can that give you hope when you make mistakes? Does mercy mean no consequences?
4. Deuteronomy says to love the "stranger" or "foreigner." How can we, as Christians, apply that verse?

Let's Talk: Day 88

Joshua's Calling – God Calls Joshua to Lead & Promises to Never Leave Him

Today's Reading: Deuteronomy 31 & 32; Hebrews 13:5-6

Make up a tune to sing Deuteronomy 32:3-4. Why had God asked Moses to make those words into a song? Have you ever remembered

something once you sung it (times tables, a bible verse, etc.)? God created that teaching strategy!

Questions:

1. How long did Moses live? Why couldn't he cross over to Jordan and go to the promise land?
2. How often and at what feast was the law to be read to the people?
3. What does God tell Moses about the future of Israel? What do we learn about God's patience from this?
4. How would you summarize the song of Moses in chapter 32? What is the legacy that the children of Israel were leaving to their kids?

Let's Talk: Day 89

Moses' Death – Moses' Death, His Dead Body & Discussion With Jesus About the Cross

Today's Reading: Deuteronomy 34; Luke 9:27-36; Jude 9

Create a newscast in which you announce Moses' death. The anchor can interview people (Pharaoh, Aaron, Miriam, a common Israelite, etc.) for comments on Moses' life and death.

Questions:

1. What is the last thing that Moses looked on before he died? Where did he die?
2. What does the Bible say was unique about the prophet Moses? In what ways do you think Moses was a model leader for Joshua?
3. Who talked with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration? What did they talk about? What do you think you would have said if you had been Peter and you saw THE hero of your Old Testament faith talking with your leader?
4. What were Michael the archangel and the devil fighting about? This isn't science fiction—these are real events. Why do you think this would happen, and why would God have it recorded in the second-to-last book of the Bible?

Let's Talk: Day 90

Joshua & His Charge – Being Strong & Courageous to Keep the Word
Today's Reading: Joshua 1; Deuteronomy 5:28-33; Psalm 27

God promises to stick with you. Using a marker, write “Be Courageous” on a band-aid and stick it somewhere where you can see it to remind you that you can have courage; God is always with you! Have someone in the family post it on social media as a public declaration!

Questions:

1. What instructions did God give Joshua after Moses died?
2. If you had been Joshua, what things might you have been afraid of?
3. Why do you think it was important for the people of Israel to follow exactly what God said? Why is it so important for us to do the same?
4. What’s the difference between having the right words to say and the right heart to keep them?

Let’s Talk: Day 91

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: Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 10:12, Mark 12:33, John 14:23, 2Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 13:5-6)

Preview Family Activity: “Modeling” is the building block we will focus on for this week’s reading. As parents, we are models for our kids, whether we are intentional about it or not. Have you ever noticed that even some of your kids’ mannerisms are like yours? As a family, try to identify some of the ways the parents are like the grandparents. What are some ways the kids are like the parents? What is the strangest idiosyncrasy you can find? This week can you see how Moses was a model for Joshua? How was Joshua a model to his people on how to follow God?