

Let's Talk: Day 99-One Story

Joshua & the Sun/Conquests – Israel's Enemies & God's Victories
Today's Reading: Joshua 10 & 11; Habakkuk 3:8-14

Look online and make your own sundial. Or take a moment to share a sunset as a family and talk about what you enjoy doing when the days are longer in the summer.

Questions:

1. Who was threatened in Joshua 10? How many miracles can you find in this chapter?
2. Joshua's job was to take possession of a physical land. What are some words you would use to describe him and his attitude towards his job?
3. What job has God given you to do? What "spiritual land" does He want you to possess? How are you like or unlike Joshua?
4. Did Joshua fight every battle the same way? Are there any similarities? What does this teach us about fighting spiritual battles?

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Joshua & Dividing the Land – Some Tribes Possess Their Land & Some Procrastinate
Today's Reading: Joshua 13:1-14; Joshua 14; Joshua 18:1-10

Everyone draw or find a picture of a person they think shows great leadership like Caleb and Joshua. Explain why you think that person is a great leader. Share how great Christ followers make great leaders!

Questions:

1. Which tribes received their inheritance east of the Jordan River?
2. What was Israel supposed to do to the local inhabitants of the Promised Land? Why would this be important? Did they obey? What can you imagine is the result?

3. Caleb and Joshua were the only two original spies who believed they should have gone to the Promised Land 40 years ago. How does God bless them now?
4. Which tribe didn't receive a physical inheritance? Why not? What is their inheritance? As Christians we have an inheritance too. Do you know what that is?

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Joshua's Charge & Death – Joshua's Warning About Serving Two Masters

Today's Reading: Joshua 24; 1 Samuel 7:2-4; Matthew 6:24

Play "Simon Says" with two "Simons," but have them give conflicting directions. Do not do the actions unless "Simon Says." For older kids: have one person be "it" and leave the room. Choose a secret leader in the room. When the person returns, the leader begins an action like clapping and the rest of the group does the same. As the leader changes actions, the rest copy him or her. The person who is "it" has to guess who is the leader.

Questions:

1. What was Joshua asking all of Israel to do?
2. An "idol" is any person, thing or idea that takes the place of God. What are some "idols" that people have today?
3. Why did Samuel say Israel needed to put away their "idols"?
4. What did Jesus say it was impossible to do? What "idols" are you tempted to place above God? What is a practical way you can "put them away"?

Let's Talk: Day 102

Judges Origin – The Days of the Judges & the Cycle of Sin/Judgment/Prayer/Deliverance

Today's Reading: Judges 1 & 2; Judges 21:25

Have a battle over "land." Have two similarly sized people stand back to back on a piece of newspaper. Try to push each other off "the land" using only the back of your bodies.

Questions:

1. What did Israel do right when they entered the Promised Land?
2. What mistakes did Israel make when they entered the Promised Land? Do you have areas of victory and defeat in your life?
3. Why did God say He would not totally drive out the people of the land?
4. The problem with the “days of the Judges” was that people did what was right in their own eyes instead of God’s eyes. In what areas of your life do you struggle between what you want to do and what God wants you to do?

Let’s Talk: Day 103

Judges Othniel, Ehud & Shamgar – The Cycle of Sin, Judgment, Prayer & Deliverance

Today’s Reading: Judges 3; Isaiah 59:12-18; Psalm 50:15

Practice being a judge at <http://ybtj.justice.gov.uk/>

Questions:

1. Let each person of the family pick their favorite “Judge” in chapter 3 and say why.
2. What caused Israel to cry out to God for deliverance?
3. How did God respond when they cried out to Him for deliverance? Why do you think Israel didn’t call out to God sooner? Do you ever wait to call out to Him for help? Why?
4. According to Psalm 50:15, what does God want us to do after He answers our prayers? Take a moment and practice this right now.

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Judges Deborah & Barak – Deborah’s Faith, Barak’s Faith & God’s Victory

Today’s Reading: Judges 4 & 5; Hebrews 11:32-34

God used humble, wise women to lead His people. Let the women make the decisions for the day. Encourage the women to be like Deborah and make wise decisions that show servant leadership to the whole family.

Questions:

1. What did Israel do after their “Judge” (“Deliverer”) Ehud died? How did God respond?
2. What was Barak’s response when Deborah told him his mission? What do you think your response would have been? Why do you think he wanted Deborah with him?
3. How did Barak and Deborah respond to God giving them the victory? How does your family respond when you see God work in your life?
4. What key characteristic does the book of Hebrews say that Judges like Barak had?

Let’s Talk: Day 105

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.