

Let's Talk: Day 127-One Story

David & Goliath - David the Shepherd vs. the Giant Goliath (Who Has Four Relatives)

Today's Reading: 1Samuel 17; Psalms 23; 2Samuel 21:15-22

Use toys or objects in your home to re-enact the battle between David and Goliath. How creative can you get? Record it with your phone and watch it as a family.

Questions:

- 1. Why do you think David's oldest brother was angry? Put yourself in Eliab's position. How would you be feeling if you were him?
- 2. How had God been preparing David for the fight with Goliath? How might God be preparing you?
- 3. Are you offended when people around you defy God? How did David respond? How did the Israelite army and Saul respond? Why do you think David's response was so different?
- 4. According to 2Samuel, how many giant relatives did Goliath have? How many stones did David put in his pouch? Do you think there was a correlation?

Let's Talk: Day 128

Saul's Insecurity - King Saul Is Jealous of David, Fears David & Manipulates David

Today's Reading: 1Samuel 18; Proverbs 14:30; James 3:13-16

Rather than being jealous like Saul was, have each person share some of the talents and gifts God has given the family member on his/her right.

Questions:

1. Why do you think David and Jonathan were good friends? What do you imagine they talked about?

- 2. Why was Saul angry as a result of the women singing? Have you ever been jealous when someone else was praised more than you? What would be a right response in that case?
- 3. How does the Proverbs 14 passage apply to Saul? Do you know anyone who has struggled with envy? How does envy affect a person's life?
- 4. How does God's wisdom contrast with human envy? What is the fruit of righteousness?

Let's Talk: Day 129

Saul Attacks David - Saul's Anger With David & David's Escape From Saul

Today's Reading: 1Samuel 19; Psalms 59; Psalms 56:3-6

Can you think of someone who is mean to you? Can you stand up for yourself without treating that person the way they treat you? Role-play (with parental input) at home how to handle difficult people.

Questions:

- 1. What warning did Jonathan give David? How do you think Jonathan felt, being the son of Saul and friend of David?
- 2. How did Michal help David? Do you think she was torn between supporting her husband and her father?
- 3. If you were David, what would you have done? How can you apply Psalm 56 to your life? What could you do to help you remember these words when you are afraid?
- 4. What does David ask of God in Psalm 59? What does he say God is to him? Which of those phrases is God to you?

Let's Talk: Day 130

Jonathan Helps David - The Friendship of Jonathan, David & Jesus Today's Reading: 1Samuel 20; Proverbs 27:4-10; John 15:12-17

Draw a picture and/or write a letter to give a friend, telling them how you are thankful for them. Pray to Jesus and thank Him for being your friend too.

Questions:

- 1. How does Jonathan discover his father's intentions toward David?
- 2. How does Jonathan communicate back to David? Why do you think they acted in secret?
- 3. How many of the Proverbs verses can you apply to today's story? Which one can you apply to your own life today?
- 4. What does Jesus call His disciples and us? What does that mean to you? What has He asked us to do? How can we practically do that?

Let's Talk: Day 131

David on the Run - David Eats the Holy Bread & Jesus Comments to the Pharisees

Today's Reading: 1Samuel 21; Psalms 34; Matthew 12:1-8

Everyone take a turn acting crazy, like David did. Who was the most creative?

Questions:

- 1. Was David completely truthful with Ahimelech? Explain.
- 2. How would you describe David's emotional state in 1Samuel? Did he trust God? We like to think of heroes as only ever doing right. Is that the case in real life?
- 3. When we are afraid, it is good for us to remind ourselves of who God is and what He has promised us. How does David do that in Psalm 34?
- 4. What's a promise in Psalm 34 you can apply to your life?

Let's Talk: Day 132

David in the Cave - David Runs to a Cave, Prays to God & Writes Psalms

Today's Reading: 1Samuel 22:1; Psalms 142; Psalms 57

Google pictures of the caves in Israel. Make a cave out of sheets and furniture in which to do today's reading. If you are feeling creative, write your own psalm to the tune of your favorite song.

Questions:

- 1. Who joined David in the cave? Why do you think they did that?
- 2. David is a real person who struggled with his emotions when he was in a difficult situation. What would you say he was feeling in Psalm 142?
- 3. What are David's circumstances in Psalm 57? What is his attitude? How is this different from Psalm 142?
- 4. What would you tell God if you were hiding in a cave and someone wanted to kill you? What do you learn about David's relationship with God from his words?

Let's Talk: Day 133

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 from the week to meditate on or memorize.

As we continue our study of character, talk as a family about the differences in character between Saul and David. Then have each person pick one person with good character and one without from the current events. What kind of future do you imagine each of them to have?