

Let's Talk: Day 155-One Story

David's Foolish Census – David's Pride, God's Judgment & David's Sacrifice

Today's Reading: 2Samuel 24; 1Chronicles 21:1-4; 1Chronicles 27:23-24

Fill a jar with pennies, jelly beans, goldfish crackers or some other small item. Let everyone guess how many of the items are in the jar. Count it out and give a prize to whoever was closest.

Questions:

1. What was the sin David committed in this reading? Why was this wrong?
2. What were the three punishments from which David had to choose? What did he pick and why?
3. Have you ever been in trouble and had a choice of punishments? What did you choose?
4. What did David do at Araunah's house? Why was it important that the offering cost him something? How can we apply that to our lives?

Let's Talk: Day 156

Solomon & the Throne – Adonijah's Rebellion, David's Death & a Psalm of Prayer for the King

Today's Reading: 1Kings 1 & 2; Psalms 72

Google last words of famous people or look at <http://www.phrases.org.uk/quotes/last-words/>. How do these last words compare with what David said? Which of the people who you looked up, would you guess, had faith in Christ?

Questions:

1. Who was Adonijah and what did he do?

2. How did David counter Adonijah's plan? Who were some of the friends of David who helped him? Do you have any friends who look out for you?
3. What were some of the last words of David to Solomon? If you only had five minutes to live, who would you want to talk to and what would you say?
4. In Psalm 72, who is David praying for? Who does that ultimately picture, and how do you know?

Let's Talk: Day 157

Solomon & His Prayer – God's Visit to Solomon, Solomon's Prayer, Dividing the Child, & the Word

Today's Reading: 1Kings 3; Matthew 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13

Everyone whisper to one family member (the "secretary") the one thing you would ask God for if He promised you He would give you whatever you asked for. Have the secretary read the answers and see if other family members can guess who asked for what.

Questions:

1. Can you imagine taking over as king after David who was so loved and popular? What thoughts or emotions do you think you would have?
2. What did Solomon ask God for? How did God respond? What was God's condition on His blessing?
3. What were the two women arguing about? How did Solomon solve the problem? Can you learn anything from Solomon's wisdom in this case?
4. What does Matthew 7 teach you about God? Have you asked Him for anything lately?

Let's Talk: Day 158

Solomon & His Wisdom – Solomon's 3000 Proverbs & 1005 Songs

Today's Reading: 1Kings 4:29-34; Proverbs 1; Song of Solomon 1

Over the years different cultures have adapted Biblical truths into their language. Go to <http://www.wiseoldsayings.com/> and read some wise sayings. Can you think of a verse that goes with some of these sayings? Which is your favorite? Which is the funniest?

Questions:

1. What does God have to say about Solomon's wisdom?
2. To whom is Solomon writing the book of Proverbs? Why?
3. How is wisdom described in Proverbs 1? How would you evaluate yourself on your wisdom? How can you grow in wisdom?
4. What does the first chapter of the Song of Solomon sound like to you? Are you surprised that this kind of writing is in the Bible? Did you know this book pictures the love Jesus has for the church?

Let's Talk: Day 159

Solomon & the Temple – Building Solomon's Temple, Building a House & Building the Church

Today's Reading: 1Kings 6; Psalms 127; Ephesians 2:19-22

Solomon built a temple for the Lord. Can you draw or build (with Legos or blocks) the type of building that you would build for God? How would you decorate it?

Questions:

1. Describe what sounds you might have heard as the temple was being built. Would you have heard a hammer at the site?
2. What did God say was more important than the design of the building in order for Him to dwell there?
3. Describe some of the materials used to build the temple in the Old Testament. What are some of the "building materials" of the Ephesians 2 temple? How is this different?
4. What does Psalm 127 say about families? How is the family a type of temple that can show God's glory? When people look at your family, do they see God dwelling there? How do you know?

Let's Talk: Day 160

Solomon & the Temple – Solomon's Speech, Solomon's Prayer & God's Second Visit to Solomon

Today's Reading: 1Kings 8; 1Kings 9:1-9; 1Kings 11:9-10

God wanted to bless Solomon and Israel, but they needed to follow guidelines from God. God wants to bless your family too, but He has directions to follow as well. Brainstorm some ideas, then use the Bible

to create a poster of some of the directions God has given Christians. Post it in a prominent place and help each other to live it. Watch for blessings from obeying His Word.

Questions:

1. What did the priests carry into the temple? When they came out of the temple, what did God do?
2. When Solomon dedicated the temple, what are some of the things he prayed about?
3. According to Solomon, will people continue to sin? What is God's plan for when that happens?
4. God said He would bless the throne of Solomon forever if he and his sons did what? Did Solomon follow these instructions? How did God respond? In spite of Solomon's wrong choices, what King of Kings is a direct descendent of Solomon?

Let's Talk: Day 161

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.