

Let's Talk: Day 162-One Story

Solomon & the Queen of Sheba – Solomon, Jesus, & Us Being Ready to Answer Questions

Today's Reading: 1Kings 10:1-13; Matthew 12:42; 1Peter 3:15

Pretend the Queen of Sheba had a phone. If she called her family, what would she tell them about Solomon? What do you think she asked him?

Questions:

1. Why did the Queen of Sheba visit Solomon? If you could visit anyone alive today and ask them a question, who would it be? What would you ask him/her?
2. If you were the Queen of Sheba, what would you want to ask Solomon?
3. What did the queen give Solomon? What did Solomon give the queen?
4. How can we apply today's 1 Peter 3 passage? What are some common questions people have regarding Christianity? How can you be ready with an answer?

Let's Talk: Day 163

Solomon & His Wealth – Solomon's Wealth & His Thoughts on the Limitations of Wealth

Today's Reading: 1Kings 10:14-29; Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

Google "mansions" or "homes of the rich" and look at some of the pictures. God said Solomon was richer than anyone, but did that bring him happiness?

Questions:

1. Describe some of the riches of Solomon. How does that make you feel?

2. Solomon's dad started as a shepherd boy who was so little thought of he wasn't even invited to the family feast. How does that inspire you of how much God can change your current circumstances?
3. According to his writings in Ecclesiastes, how did Solomon feel about his own riches? Why do you think people are so interested in the rich, and why do people want to be rich?
4. What was Solomon's perspective on riches in general? Are they good or bad or neither? When are people satisfied? What is your perspective on wealth?

Let's Talk: Day 164

Solomon & His Wives – Solomon's Wives Turn Solomon's Heart Away From God

Today's Reading: 1Kings 11:1-40; Deuteronomy 17:14-20; Nehemiah 13:25-31

The kings were supposed to copy by hand the book of the Law and then read it to fear the Lord and stay humble. Have every family member pick and write down with their own writing one verse they need in their life. If there are family members who can't write yet, help them choose a verse they can illustrate with a drawing. Why did you pick that verse, and how can you apply it this week?

Questions:

1. What turned away Solomon's heart from God? In Deuteronomy, what were the three things that God says kings were not to collect? How many of these things was Solomon guilty of?
2. How can Solomon be the wisest man on earth, yet disobey this straightforward command of God? In what areas do you struggle to obey God?
3. How did God respond to Solomon's disobedience? What happened to his kingdom? Did the judgment come immediately?
4. When Israel returned to Jerusalem after having been in captivity, Nehemiah reminded the people of Solomon's sin. What can we learn from Solomon's sin?

Let's Talk: Day 165

Solomon & His Death – Solomon's Final Comments on the Meaning of Life

Today's Reading: 1Kings 11:41-43; Ecclesiastes 1; Ecclesiastes 12

Make a list or talk about the things in Ecclesiastes that Solomon says over and over like: "All is vain" or "there is nothing new under the sun." Have the kids share things that their parents say again and again. Why do they think parents repeat the same things all the time?

Questions:

1. For how long did Solomon reign? If you threw a party, would you want Solomon there? Why or why not?
2. What do you learn about science in Ecclesiastes?
3. What is Solomon's perspective on wisdom?
4. How does Solomon conclude Ecclesiastes? What is the duty of man? How well do you think we as a church are doing? What about as individuals?

Let's Talk: Day 166

Rehoboam [Southern King 17 years] – Rehoboam Ignores the Wisdom of Answering Gently

Today's Reading: 1Kings 12:1-24; 1Kings 14:21-30; Proverbs 15:1

Proverbs 15:1 is quoted by many people who don't realize it's in the Bible. Think of the movies you have watched and books you have read. How many stories can you pick out that apply (but not necessarily quote) the Proverbs 15:1 principle?

Questions:

1. What did the people request of the new king Rehoboam? From whom did he seek counsel?
2. Whose counsel did Rehoboam choose to follow? What happened? From whom do you seek advice? Are you more likely to pick your peer's advice or the advice of a parent or adult? Why?
3. How would you summarize Rehoboam's life? Did he follow God? Who do you want to be most like: David, Solomon or Rehoboam?
4. Did Rehoboam apply his father's writing in Proverbs 15:1? How can you apply it?

Let's Talk: Day 167

Jeroboam (Northern King 22 years) – Jeroboam Creates Idols to Keep the People's Allegiance

Today's Reading: 1Kings 12:25-33; 1Kings 13; 1Kings 14:1-20

Dress up like you think Jeroboam's wife might have to disguise herself.

Questions:

1. What sin did Jeroboam commit to keep his people in Israel? Why was he worried about them leaving Israel? Do you think God would have taken care of him if he trusted in God instead of manipulating circumstances?
2. What message does God send to Jeroboam for doing this? Did Jeroboam turn from his wrong decisions when warned? Do you?
3. When Jeroboam's son is sick, who does he look to for help? Do you know people who only turn to God when they are in crisis? Why do you think that is?
4. Why does his wife disguise herself? Can you fool God? What does God tell Jeroboam's wife? Why do you think some people believe in God but don't choose to follow Him?

Let's Talk: Day 168

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.

Go do one thing from your bucket list of summer activities today. Enjoy the family time.