

## Let's Talk: Day 176-One Story

Ahab (Northern King 22 years) – Micaiah's Prophecy, Saying What God Says & Ahab's Death

Today's Reading: 2Chronicles 18:1-4; 1Kings 22:1-40; Jeremiah 42:1-6

There are lies in today's reading. Take turns telling two truths and a lie about your week. Can anyone guess which is the lie?

Questions:

1. How did Jehoshaphat answer Ahab's question? What did he add as an afterthought? Do you ever say yes to something and then ask God's opinion second?
2. Do you think Jehoshaphat was wise to make allies with King Ahab? Why or why not?
3. Do you think it is wise to have close friendships with people who are not Christians? If yes, how can you make sure that their values don't become your values?
4. What does Micaiah say will happen in the battle? Why do you think Jehoshaphat still chooses to go?

## Let's Talk: Day 177

Jehoshaphat (Southern King 25 years) – Jehoshaphat's Reforms & Singers on the Battlefield

Today's Reading: 2Chronicles 19 & 20; 1Kings 22:41-50

Choose a song for your family to play in times of trouble. Talk about some of the battles your family may be facing and how the battle belongs to the Lord. How can God use music to help in the battle?

Questions:

1. What good things did Jehoshaphat do? What was his weakness? What are some of your strengths and weaknesses?

2. When Jehoshaphat was surrounded by the enemy, what did he do? Pick out some key phrases of his prayer that show the kind of relationship that he had with God. Could you pray those same phrases to God with all your heart?
3. Who assembled to hear God's answer? When you have a crisis, do you involve the whole family in prayer? What words of encouragement did God give?
4. How was singing and praising God instrumental to their deliverance? Have you ever chosen to praise God when you felt "surrounded"? What song would you choose to sing?

### **Let's Talk: Day 178**

Jehoram (Southern King 8 years) – God's Promise to David & Elijah's Letter to Jehoram

Today's Reading: 2Chronicles 21; 2Samuel 7:16-17; Psalms 132:10-12

We aren't doing a family activity today so we can focus on how seriously God takes it when we continue sinning.

Questions:

1. Who did Jehoram marry? Who was she related to, and how do you think that might have affected Jehoram's relationship with God?
2. What are some of the characteristics that you want in your spouse some day?
3. What happened to Jehoram because he chose not to follow God?
4. Why didn't God completely eliminate Jehoram and his descendants? What does this tell you about God's promises?

### **Let's Talk: Day 179**

Elisha & Elijah – The Chariot of Fire, Passing the Mantle, the Springs of Jericho & Elijah's Return

Today's Reading: 2Kings 2; John 1:19-28; Matthew 17:1-13

Elisha asked for a double portion and received it. The Bible records twice as many miracles performed by Elisha than Elijah. What would you want a double portion of and why?

Questions:

1. Why do you think Elijah was trying to leave Elisha behind, and why did Elisha refuse? Is there someone who, when they retire from their job, you would like to take over for them? Who?
2. What did Elisha ask for? How would he know if God answered his request?
3. Did Elijah die? How did he go up to heaven?
4. When does Elijah appear again in the Bible? What do you imagine he talked about?

### **Let's Talk: Day 180**

Elisha & the Ditches – Digging Ditches for War & the Miracle of the Bread

Today's Reading: 2Kings 3 & 4; John 6:1-14

Which miracle in today's reading would you like to witness? Act as if you are a reporter talking about it on the news.

Questions:

1. How did God deliver Jehoshaphat from the Moabites? If you were a person in the army, how would you have felt?
2. How did God work a miracle for the woman with the jar of oil? How did God use what she had to provide the miracle? Can you think of other stories in the Bible where God uses what a person has in a miraculous way? How might God use you and what you have been given in a miraculous way?
3. What did the Shunammite woman provide for Elisha? How did God bless her? Who do you know who is hospitable like her?
4. After the blessing of a child, God allows him to die. Why do you think He let that happen? What kind of faith does the woman show? Do you know anyone today who has faith like that?

### **Let's Talk: Day 181**

Elisha & Naaman – Elisha Heals Naaman the Leper & Jesus Heals Lepers

Today's Reading: 2Kings 5; Luke 4:16-30; Luke 5:12-15

Play tag with “it” being the leper. He yells “Unclean” and whoever he touches gets “leprosy” too and begins to tag others. The last person left is the winner.

Questions:

1. Who was sick in this story and what was his disease? Who did he go to for help?
2. How did God use a little girl in this story? How can God use you as a child? If you are an adult, can you think of a time that a child taught you something?
3. What instructions did Elisha give Naaman? Why was Naaman angry? Why is it sometimes harder to follow God in the simple instructions?
4. What mistake did Gehazi make? Why do you think he did that? Can you think of a situation in your life where you might be tempted like Gehazi?

## **Let's Talk: Day 182**

Today's Reading: Sunday is the weekly OFF day

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.

Think of a needy family you know. Find out what is on their bucket list for the summer and help them do it.