

Let's Talk: Day 190-One Story

Jonah Preaches & Pouts – Jonah's Hardness toward the Assyrians of Nineveh & God's Mercy

Today's Reading: Jonah 3; Jonah 4; Matthew 12:38-41

God forgave the people of Nineveh, but Jonah did not. Is there someone you should forgive? Ask God to help you and then write a card showing your forgiveness.

Questions:

1. When God gave Jonah directions the second time, what did Jonah do? How are you at giving people a second chance?
2. How did the people of Nineveh respond to Jonah's message? How did their actions reflect their attitude? What attitude has your actions reflected today?
3. Why was Jonah angry? Do you think that is strange given the fact that Jonah got a second chance? Explain. If you were Jonah's friend, how would you help him deal with his anger?
4. What would you guess Jonah's relationship with God was like after the book of Jonah? What evidence would you use to support your guess?

Let's Talk: Day 191

Uzziah's Life (Southern Kings 52 years) – Uzziah Grows Arrogant when He is Strong & Leprosy

Today's Reading: 2Chronicles 26; Proverbs 29:22-23; Leviticus 13:45-46

Can you think of a character from a book or movie that is proud? Does something happen in the plot to humble him?

Questions:

1. What were the early days of Uzziah's reign like? What was the key to his prosperity?

2. How did his heart change and why do you think that happened? What sin did he then commit?
3. As a result of this sin, what disease did Uzziah get? Imagine what it was like for him to live out the rest of his days according to Leviticus 13.
4. How does the Proverbs 29 passage describe Uzziah's character and the resulting consequences? Do you see any of these characteristics in your own heart? Can you think of anyone in history whose pride was his downfall?

Let's Talk: Day 192

Uzziah's Death [Southern King 52 years] – Uzziah Dies, God Calls Isaiah, & Seeing Heaven

Today's Reading: 2Chronicles 26:22-23; Isaiah 6; Revelation 4

Listen to the description of seraphs and draw a picture of one. You may also want to draw something else that was seen in heaven.

Questions:

1. Describe the vision Isaiah had. What was his reaction to it? Do you ever think about what is going on in heaven right now?
2. What question did God ask? How did Isaiah respond? How would you respond? Are there any "conditions" you would attach to your answer?
3. How is Isaiah's vision and John's vision in Revelation 4 similar? Do you think they are describing the same place?
4. What words of praise are spoken at God's throne? How often are they spoken? How often do you speak words of praise to God? What can you praise Him for today?

Let's Talk: Day 193

Hoshea [Northern King 9 years] – The Northern Kingdom's Captivity & History of the Samaritans

Today's Reading: 2Kings 17; John 8:45-49; John 4:1-9

Here is a fun game to practice running from evil: <http://www.kidsofintegrity.com/lessons/righteousness/hands-options/flee-wrong>

Questions:

1. How did the kingdom of Israel end? According to God, why did it end?
2. What were some of the warnings that God had given Israel? Did they listen? Do you usually listen to the warnings given to you? Why or why not?
3. When Assyria brought other nations in to resettle the land of Israel, what happened? What did they ask for to help them? Did these people want to follow God or just eliminate the negative consequences in their lives? Do you see this today too?
4. Did the nation of Israel believe God's words? How is that similar to the John 8 passage? Considering all of God's miracles, why don't people believe Him?

Let's Talk: Day 194

Hezekiah [Southern King 29 years] – King Hezekiah's Spiritual Reforms & his Passover

Today's Reading: 2Kings 18:1-8; 2Chronicles 29; 2Chronicles 30

Try to make baskets (wadded paper in a trash can or basketball in a hoop). Each time you make a basket name something Hezekiah did that pleased God.

Questions:

1. How did Hezekiah's actions show he followed God? Do your actions show you follow God? If so, how?
2. What did he tell the Levites to do? If you were alive at that time, describe what you think it would have been like at the rededication of the temple. Do you think everyone was excited about the event? Why or why not?
3. The end of 2 Chronicles 29 gives the general time frame of how quickly this event occurred. What was the time frame? Why do you think God moves quickly in some areas and very slowly (from our perspective) in others?
4. What feast did Hezekiah reinstate? How did Hezekiah encourage the priests and the people? How can you encourage people in your world to follow God?

Let's Talk: Day 195

Hezekiah (Southern King 29 years) – Hezekiah Fights the Assyrians & Copies the Proverbs

Today's Reading: 2Kings 18:9-37; 2Kings 19; Proverbs 25:1-7

In our world today, we are told not to trust God. Parents, share a time in which you chose to trust God over other's advice or how to respond when your faith in God is mocked.

Questions:

1. What did the king of Assyria do to Judah? What did Hezekiah give him? Do you think he should have done that?
2. What words of discouragement did the Rabshekah use towards the people of Judah? How did Hezekiah respond? Has anyone ever used discouraging words towards you? How did you respond?
3. How does God, through Isaiah, encourage Hezekiah? How does Hezekiah act on this encouragement even though his circumstances don't change immediately?
4. Why do you think Hezekiah had such a strong faith? How did God deliver Judah?

Let's Talk: Day 196

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.

This last week of reading had several characters half-heartedly following God or openly disobeying Him. As a family, show your resolve to follow Jesus by serving together for Him. Spend an afternoon serving together by working with a local outreach or doing something to help a friend in need.