

Let's Talk: Day 204-One Story

Jehoiachin (Southern King 11 years) – Jeremiah's Prophecy (re: 70 Years) to Jehoiakim Destroyed

Today's Reading: 2Kings 24:1-7; Jeremiah 25:1-14; Jeremiah 36

In this passage, the kings did not listen. Listening is important. Play this listening game: <http://www.etseverywhere.com/action-listening-games/whos-got-what-an-action-listening-game>

Questions:

1. Who started attacking Judah? How can God use other nations [that might not even follow Him] to accomplish His purpose? What does that tell you about God's strength and wisdom?
2. According to Jeremiah 25, for how many years has Jeremiah been speaking God's messages? Have the people listened? How would that make you feel if you were him?
3. What prophecy does Jeremiah give about the destruction of Jerusalem? For how long would the people be in captivity?
4. Who is Baruch? What did he read in front of the temple? What did the king do with the scroll after it was read to him? How did Baruch respond? When people disregard your message what do you do?

Let's Talk: Day 205

Jehoiachin (Southern King 8 years) & Zedekiah (Southern King 11 years) – Jeremiah Jailed

Today's Reading: 2Kings 24:8-20; Jeremiah 37; Jeremiah 38

Play "rock, paper, scissors." Each time you win, name one bad thing that Nebuchadnezzar did.

Questions:

1. What happened to King Jehoiachin?

2. After Jerusalem fell to Babylon the first time, what are some of the things/people Babylon took back with them?
3. Why was Jeremiah put in jail? Describe the conditions there. What was his attitude in jail?
4. What instruction did Jeremiah give the king? Did he listen? What chaos followed?

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Zedekiah (Southern King 11 years) – Jeremiah Laments the Fall & Destruction of Jerusalem

Today's Reading: 2Kings 25:1-21; Jeremiah 39; Lamentations 2:5-19

Can you think of a character from a book or movie that makes poor choices and something bad happens to them?

Questions:

1. When Nebuchadnezzar conquered Jerusalem this time, what did he do to the city and what are some of the things he took back to Babylon with him?
2. Did Zedekiah listen to any of Jeremiah's instructions? What happened to Zedekiah? Have you ever ignored instructions and had to suffer through the consequences?
3. Which people were left in Judah? Why?
4. How was Jeremiah released from prison? Do you think it strange that the enemy freed Jeremiah while his "friends" imprisoned him?

Let's Talk: Day 207

Gedaliah (Southern Governor 7 months) – Jeremiah Preaches "Don't go to Egypt" but is Taken

Today's Reading: 2Kings 25:22-26; Jeremiah 42; Jeremiah 43

In this passage, people promised to obey whatever Jeremiah said, but they did not. Play "Simon Says," but call it "Jeremiah Says."

Questions:

1. Who became the governor over Judah? What happened to him? Why do you think they did that?

2. About what did the people ask Jeremiah to inquire of God? How did they promise to respond to God's answer? Did they follow through with this promise?
3. How many days did Jeremiah have to wait for an answer from God? What does this tell you when God doesn't answer your prayers right away?
4. What did the people do after Jeremiah said do not go to Egypt? Why do you think they even asked Jeremiah to inquire of God if they weren't going to listen?

Let's Talk: Day 208

Daniel & his Friends Obey God – Daniel Deals with Temptation

Today's Reading: Daniel 1; Proverbs 23:1-8; 1Corinthians 10:13

Have a vegetable snack together. If you could only eat vegetables, which would you eat most often? What would you eat for breakfast?

Questions:

1. Imagine being a teen and leaving your house and family forever. What do you think you would be thinking or feeling?
2. Daniel wasn't alone, however. He had three great friends. What are their Jewish names? What friends do you have that you can count on to support you and encourage you to do the right things?
3. Daniel knew it was against God's law to eat the food that had been offered to idols. What decision did he make first in his heart? Then what was his attitude when he talked to the chief of the eunuchs? Is there anything you need to stand up and refuse to be a part of, even though all of your peers are doing it?
4. What was Daniel's experiment and what were the results? How did God bless Daniel's obedience? What does Proverbs 23 say to be careful to avoid?

Let's Talk: Day 209

Daniel & Nebuchadnezzar's Dream – Daniel's Wisdom & Hearing from God

Today's Reading: Daniel 2; Amos 3:7; Ezekiel 28:1-10

Share your most memorable dream. Was it funny or frightening?

Questions:

1. What was the crazy request that the king asked of his wise men?
2. How did Daniel respond once he heard this request? How would you have responded in that stressful situation?
3. When God revealed the dream, what was Daniel's response? What does this tell you about his relationship with God? How often do you remember to praise and thank God?
4. How does Daniel communicate truth in a respectful way? How did the king respond? How does God get glory from this situation? Can you think of a time when your attitude of respect and love made a difference on an otherwise prideful person?

Let's Talk: Day 210

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.

Let the youngest person in the family pick something to do as a family today.