

Let's Talk: Day 218-One Story

Daniel & Gabriel's Visit re: Persia & Greece – Michael the Archangel
Today's Reading: Daniel 10; Revelation 12:7-9; Daniel 12

Write a list of people you know who you believe will be in the Book of Life. Write a list of those who you don't believe are in the book yet. Pray for them to know Jesus and how God might want to use you to bring them this good news.

Questions:

1. What did Daniel see while he was walking by the Tigris River? How had Daniel been preparing his heart and seeking God the three weeks prior? Do you ever do anything special to eliminate distractions in your life and really try to listen to God?
2. How is the description of this angel different from the way most artists and the media portray angels? How do you think this difference got started?
3. This angel (also called a prince) had been trying to reach Daniel for 21 days but had been delayed by the "prince" of Persia. What do you imagine happens in the hidden spiritual realm around us every day?
4. Who is Michael and what is his job? What does he do in Revelation 12?

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Ezekiel – Ezekiel Grieves in Captivity & God's Call to Preach to the Disobedient Captives
Today's Reading: Ezekiel 1:1-3; Ezekiel 2; Ezekiel 33:30-33

Ezekiel was given an extremely difficult job. What jobs have you been given that are hard to do? Research to find out what are the worst or dirtiest jobs. If you could have any job, what would you choose?

Questions:

1. Who was Ezekiel? Where was he when he saw the vision? What period of Israel's history is this?
2. What job does the angel give to Ezekiel? Has God given you a job to do? How does the angel characterize the Israelites?
3. Is Ezekiel's success tied to how the Israelites respond to his message? What does the angel keep telling him to do? What can you learn from this?
4. What does Ezekiel 33 say about hearing versus doing? When you go to church and hear a good message, how can you make sure you are applying it to your life as well?

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Ezekiel – Ezekiel Grieves With the Captives but Does Not Grieve the Loss of His Wife

Today's Reading: Ezekiel 3:1-15; Psalms 137; Ezekiel 24

Throughout history, messages have been delivered in very unique ways: in a bottle, with invisible ink or in a cake. Think of a creative way you could deliver a message to someone.

Questions:

1. What does God tell Ezekiel to eat? Why do you think He told him to do that?
2. To whom was Ezekiel supposed to deliver his message? What response did God say they would give him? Why? If people respond to you in a similar way when you share Jesus, how can this passage encourage you?
3. What has God called us to tell the world, whether they hear or refuse? How have you done that this month?
4. What are the different signs that God gives the people about the coming destruction of Jerusalem?

Let's Talk: Day 221

Ezekiel – Being a Faithful Watchman for God & Being Innocent of People's Blood

Today's Reading: Ezekiel 3:16-27; Ezekiel 33:1-20; Acts 20:25-27

Today's reading describes a watchman on the walls of a city warning people of danger. What family plans or rules do you have to keep each other safe? What is your fire escape or tornado plan? Practice a drill together.

Questions:

1. What's the job of a watchman? What happens if the watchman doesn't do his job?
2. What happens if the people won't listen to the watchman?
3. What does being a watchman for Jesus look like? How are you doing as a watchman for Jesus? How did Paul evaluate his life as a watchman?
4. What is God's attitude toward people who sin but then turn and repent from their sin?

Let's Talk: Day 222

Ezekiel – Israel's Sinful History & Their (National & Individual) Resurrection

Today's Reading: Ezekiel 20:1-38; Ezekiel 37; John 11:21-27

Eat a boney snack while talking about today's reading. First put a mini marshmallow on either side of a pretzel stick and then dip the whole thing in white chocolate. Then listen to this familiar song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pYb8Wm6-QfA>. Do you realize it was inspired from today's reading?

Questions:

1. What's a brief summary of God's history with Israel?
2. What does God say is the purpose or benefit of following His laws and judgments? Based on where Israel is in this chapter, what is the long-term result of not following God's laws?
3. Describe the illustration of the bones. What does it picture for the future of Israel?
4. Not only can Jesus resurrect nations, but people too. Who did Jesus raise from the dead? What do you need to trust Jesus to do in your life today?

Let's Talk: Day 223

Esther – Esther Becomes Queen & Mordecai Protects the King

Today's Reading: Esther 1 *; Esther 2; Jeremiah 29:1-11

For dinner tonight, set the table elegantly, like the king did for his extravagant party. Everyone dress up, looking their best, like Esther did when she met the king.

Questions:

1. Describe the party that Ahasuerus threw. How many days did it last? What happened to Queen Vashti and why?
2. What do you learn about Esther from this chapter? How would you describe her character?
3. What do you learn about Mordecai and what is his relationship with Esther? Do you have an extended family member (not your parents) that you really look up to? Explain.
4. How does Jeremiah's prophesy fit in with the reading in Esther today?

* CAUTION: Parents of younger children should always share the truth but may want to use discretion in explaining the specifics detailed in this chapter

Let's Talk: Day 224

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.