

Let's Talk: Day 253-One Story

Jesus' Ministry Grows – Jesus' Baptisms Grow & the Samaritan Woman at the Well

Today's Reading: John 3:22-36; John 4:1-42; 2Kings 17:24-41

Before getting started, pair off and have everyone serve the other their favorite drink (or water if that is what is available). Then talk together: are there any types of people with whom you feel uncomfortable talking? Why?

Questions:

1. What did John say about Jesus?
2. What did Jesus ask of the Samaritan woman and why was that unusual?
3. What does Jesus mean when He says that some people sow and some people reap and that the harvest is already white?
4. Who is your "Samaritan woman?" What do you think God might want you to say to "her?"

Let's Talk: Day 254

Jesus' Second Miracle – Jesus Heals the Nobleman's Son & Nazareth Rejects Jesus

Today's Reading: John 4:43-54; Luke 4:14-30; Isaiah 61:1-3

If you took a picture to post on Instagram to represent the reading, what would it look like? Younger kids: think about a time they were sick or of a child they know who is sick and discuss how God can still heal us.

Questions:

1. What did the nobleman have to do for Jesus to heal his son?
2. When did Jesus heal his son? When you ask Jesus to help you, do you believe and act like He really will?

3. Can you imagine what it would have been like to grow up with someone and then have them declare themselves God at the age of 30? What would you have thought?
4. Why did the people want to kill Jesus? How did He respond? What does that teach you about His power?

Let's Talk: Day 255

Jesus' Healing in Jerusalem – Jesus Heals at a Feast & Claims to Be God

Today's Reading: John 5; John 8:56-59; John 10:29-33

Today's reading uses some legal terms like "bear witness" and "testifies." If you are unsure of their definition look them up. Then create a fake court case in the family and pick out witnesses to testify.

Questions:

1. What did Jesus ask of the man that had a sickness for 38 years? Why would He ask that?
2. What instructions did Jesus give the man? How do you think he lived the rest of his life differently?
3. Why did the Jews want to kill Jesus when He did such amazing miracles?
4. Who testifies or bears witness of Jesus?

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Jesus' Ministry at Capernaum – John the Baptist is Jailed & Jesus Heals People

Today's Reading: Matthew 4:12-17; Isaiah 9:1-2; Luke 4:31-44

Jesus spent His days caring for the needs of others. What can you do as a family today for someone else?

Questions:

1. How was Isaiah 9 fulfilled?
2. What did the unclean spirit say to Jesus? How did Jesus respond? What does this show about his power?
3. The unclean spirits knew who Jesus was, but most of the people did not. Why do you think this was so?

4. If you walked with Jesus how do you think you would have felt at the end of every day?

Let's Talk: Day 257

Jesus' Disciples Called – Jesus Calls People to Begin Following Him

Today's Reading: Matthew 4:18-25; Luke 5:1-11; Matthew 9:9-13

Imagine you were told you had a really important job to do that you couldn't do by yourself. What kind of "dream team" would you gather to help you accomplish your task? If your family was the "dream team" what could you accomplish together?

Questions:

1. Peter and Andrew were working their normal job when Jesus called them to follow Him. How long did it take them to answer? If God asked you to do something for Him today could you reply as quickly?
2. How did Jesus show the fishermen His power over their own skill?
3. Why do you think multitudes of people followed Jesus?
4. Who else, besides fishermen, did Jesus call to be His disciple (His dream team)? Why were the Pharisees mad when Jesus ate at his house?

Let's Talk: Day 258

Jesus' Healings in Capernaum – Jesus Heals a Leper & a Paralytic is Lowered through a Roof

Today's Reading: Luke 5:12-26; Mark 1:32-45; Mark 2:1-12

We read about amazing men that go above and beyond to help their friend today. Share a time when a friend went above and beyond to help you. Pray and ask God if there is someone He wants you to help this week.

Questions:

1. How do we know the leper had faith? What was the result? Is there anything you want to ask of God but haven't?

2. When the leper asked for healing, what emotion does the Bible say Jesus had? Do you think Jesus ever has this emotion for you? Why or why not?
3. What did Jesus sometimes do to get away from the busyness of the day? What do you do? If Jesus did this, how important do you think it is for us to do?
4. What did Jesus say when He saw the paralyzed man? Why did it make the religious leaders so angry? Why do you think Jesus did this? What does this story show about the personality of Jesus?

Let's Talk: Day 259

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.

As we study the life of Jesus we are reminded that He is both fully God and fully human. What part of this week's reading highlights for you either his humanity or his deity?