

Let's Talk: Day 267-One Story

Jesus' Ministry at Sea of Galilee – Jesus Calms the Sea & Casts out Legion

Today's Reading: Luke 8:19-40; Mark 4:35-41; Mark 5:1-20

As a family, create a rainstorm using your hands. Start with rubbing your hands together, then snapping your fingers lightly to loudly, then slapping your thighs from lightly to more loudly. You should have a downpour now. Then reverse the direction and the rain is over. For the scientist: here is an easy experiment to "make it rain:" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLNNx1Omill>

Questions:

1. While Jesus fell asleep on the boat what happened? When they woke Jesus up, what did He do?
2. What would you have been thinking if you were on the boat with the disciples?
3. Where did Jesus send the demons? What did the people want Jesus to do after that? Why do you think they asked Him that?
4. What did Jesus tell the man from whom He had cast out the demons to do? What kind of influence do you think this man's story might have had on his community? What influence can your story have on your community?

Let's Talk: Day 268

Jesus' Ministry at Sea of Galilee – Jesus Heals a Daughter & a Hemorrhaging Woman

Today's Reading: Luke 8:41-56; Mark 5:21-43; Matthew 9:14-38

Play the board game Operation if you have it. How is Jesus the Master Physician? Pray for people you know who are sick. Send them a card saying you prayed for them.

Questions:

1. What did Jesus do for Jairus' daughter?
2. On his way to her house, who else did He heal? How did that happen? Why do you think He made the woman acknowledge the healing?
3. Is there any prayer too hard for Jesus to answer?
4. When Jesus looked at the multitudes, what illustration did he think of? How is He the ultimate solution? How does Jesus want to use us as shepherds to those that don't know Him?

Let's Talk: Day 269

Jesus' Sending of the 12 – Jesus Prepares the 12 for Conflict & Sends Them Out

Today's Reading: Matthew 10; Micah 7:5-7; Mark 6:7-13

Work as pairs to complete some tasks. Fold laundry, make dinner or do the dishes together. Is that task done more quickly when you have help? Is it more enjoyable when you have someone to talk to? If you have time and the space, end with a three-legged race just for fun.

Questions:

1. How did Jesus send the 12 out? Why do you think He didn't want them to go alone? Do you have a friend that encourages you to walk with Jesus? If not, start praying for one.
2. What directions did Jesus give His disciples as He sent them out?
3. Why do you think Jesus said to not take anything with them?
4. If the people rejected the disciples what were they supposed to do? How can we apply that when people don't want us to tell them more about Jesus?

Let's Talk: Day 270

Jesus' "Work" on the Sabbath – Jesus Heals on the Sabbath & the Unpardonable Sin

Today's Reading: Matthew 12; Hosea 6:6; Isaiah 42:1-4

Eat some fruit together as a snack as you do today's reading. Look up some pictures of different fruit trees. Can you tell what tree produces

which fruit just by looking at the tree from far away? What about close up?

Questions:

1. Why did Jesus not want his miracles to be known?
2. What does it mean that a tree is known by its fruits? What kind of fruit do you have? How do you think people would describe you? Are you happy with that or do you want to be a different tree?
3. Who does Jesus say is His true family? Does that mean He didn't think his real mom and brothers were part of His family? Are you part of His family?
4. How can we apply Hosea 6:6 to our lives?

Let's Talk: Day 271

Jesus' New Teaching Style – After Israel's Rejection, Jesus Starts Teaching in Parables

Today's Reading: Matthew 13; Isaiah 6:8-10; Psalms 78:1-4

Jesus spoke in parables and pictures in today's reading. Have each person take a piece of paper. Create your own picture for what the kingdom of heaven is like to you. For example, what would be a modern version of a "pearl of great price?"

Questions:

1. What are the four types of soil? What do they represent? What type of soil is in your heart?
2. What does Jesus say is the purpose of parables? How does this fulfill Isaiah 6?
3. What are some of the other ways that Jesus described the kingdom of heaven?
4. Where was Jesus rejected? Why does Jesus say this is typical? Therefore, where might you expect to be rejected? How can you be encouraged by the words of Jesus?

Let's Talk: Day 272

John the Baptist's Murder – Herod Beheads John the Baptist for His Wife, Herodias

Today's Reading: Matthew 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-31; Matthew 11:11-12

This is a hard topic to discuss. Talk about the sacrifices Christians have made throughout history to follow Him.

Questions:

1. What happened to John the Baptist? Why do you think God let this happen?
2. Did Herod want to behead John? What pushed him to do so? Do you ever make decisions because of what others would think of you? Should you do this?
3. When the disciples came back from being sent out, what did Jesus have them do?
4. When you complete a project or busy season, do make time for rest? How do you like to rest?

Let's Talk: Day 273

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.

Ask your family, what did you learn about Jesus this week?