

Let's Talk: Day 274-Whole Bible

Jesus' Boat to Capernaum – Feeding the 5000, Walking on Water, & the Bread of Life

Today's Reading: Mark 6:30-56; Matthew 15:13-36; John 6

Have a picnic (maybe with goldfish crackers) while doing today's reading. Older kids: try and make an estimate by how much did he multiply the fish and bread to feed the men, their families, and have Leftovers?

Questions:

1. Have you ever been so busy that you didn't have time to eat? What did Jesus do when his disciples got into that situation?
2. When the disciples told Jesus that the day was over and the crowd was hungry, what did He tell them to do? If you had been a disciple, what would have been your response?
3. How many baskets of food were leftover? Why do you think Jesus multiplied the food enough for leftovers?
4. Has Jesus done any miracles in your life? Do you think the crowd knew it was a miracle or just that they got a meal? Do you think Jesus can do miracles in your life but you can miss it if you aren't watching for it?

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Jesus' Confrontation of the Pharisees – The Pharisees, Greek Woman, & a Deaf-Mute

Today's Reading: Mark 7; Matthew 15:1-31; Isaiah 29:13-14

Some things aren't good for our bodies while other things aren't good for our soul/hearts. Brainstorm together a list of each. Be creative and act out your ideas. Can you family guess them?

Questions:

1. What does it mean to honor someone with your lips but not your heart? What might that look like in a church today?
2. What did Jesus call the Pharisees? How is this scene different from the way we normally think of Jesus? What does this teach us about His character?
3. Have you ever confronted someone to tell them what they needed to hear but didn't want to hear it? How did it go?
4. Why didn't Jesus heal the Gentile woman right away? How did her response show her humility and faith? Do you think you would have responded the same way?

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Jesus' Warning to Apostles – Feeding the 4000, False Doctrine, & a Two-Phase Healing

Today's Reading: Mark 8:1-26; Matthew 16:1-12; 1 Timothy 4:13-16

Jesus talks about understanding the signs. What signs did he mean? For fun test your knowledge of traffic signs by taking a quiz at www.roadtrafficsigns.com.

Questions:

1. Is this the first time Jesus asks the disciples to feed the multitude? Is their response any different from last time (see reading two days ago)? Can you think of something in your life where it took you more than once to learn your lesson?
2. What do you think Jesus is trying to teach His disciples through this miracle of bread multiplication?
3. What happened to the blind man in Bethsaida? Why do you think it took Jesus two times to heal him? What lesson might Jesus be trying to teach us?
4. Was Jesus talking about bread when he mentioned the leaven (or yeast) of the Pharisees? What was he really talking about? What is doctrine? What do you believe?

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Jesus' Ministry at Caesarea Philippi – Peter's Confession & the Promise of the Church

Today's Reading: Matthew 16:13-28; 1 John 4:14-16; Philippians 2:5-11

Peter gives a description of Christ today. As a family, how many different names or descriptive words can you come up with for Jesus? To make a piece of art from your work, Google "wordle", and type in all your answers.

Questions:

1. What question did Jesus ask his disciples? How did Peter respond? Why was that so important?
2. How did Jesus praise Peter? How did Jesus rebuke Peter just a few verses later? What might that teach about Peter and ourselves?
3. What does Jesus say is the cost of following Him? Are you willing to pay that cost?
4. Explain Philippians 2 in your own words. How is love and humility key ingredients to unity? Why does pride destroy unity?

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Jesus' Transfiguration – Peter's Experience on the Mountain & his Comments on Scripture

Today's Reading: Matthew 17; Luke 9:27-45; 2Peter 1:16-21

What do you imagine the voice of God sounds like? Acknowledging that our best efforts would never come close to reality, if you could pick an instrument(s) or sound effect(s) and combine them together to represent His voice what would you pick?

Questions:

1. Who appeared to talk with Jesus on the mountain? What is interesting about the death (or burial) of these two men? What do you imagine they might have talked about?
2. Why couldn't the disciples heal the boy? Do you think you or your family sometimes deal with trials for the same reason?
3. Where did Simon find the money to pay taxes? What might that be a picture of for us?
4. What does 1Peter say about God's Word? What is your attitude toward the Bible? How do your actions support that?

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Jesus' Answers to Disciples' Questions – Jesus on Children, Offenses, & Forgiveness

Today's Reading: Matthew 18; Psalms 131; Deuteronomy 19:15

Younger kids: play a game of hide and seek and talk about how Jesus is a good shepherd that looks out for us. Older kids: Why is it awesome to be a kid? What is unique about being a kid that adults sometimes lose?

Questions:

1. How does Jesus answer the question of who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? How does that make you feel?
2. What are you supposed to do if a brother sins against you or you have a problem with someone? What is our natural way to handle problems? Do you need to live this out today? How can your family make this Bible principle a part of your family's culture?
3. How often should we forgive someone? Why? Explain how Jesus taught this. What is the difference between forgiving someone and trusting them?
4. In Deuteronomy, how does the verse instruct us when to listen to an accusation? Do you think people today do a good job of living this verse out? Why or why not?

Let's Talk: Day 280

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?