

Let's Talk: Day 309-One Story

Jesus' Arrest – Jesus' Garden Prayer, Knocking the Mob Down, Healing an Ear, & Arrest

Today's Reading: Matthew 26:30-56; Luke 22:39-53; John 18:1-11

At some point even the best of friends lets you down. Have each family member share when they were disappointed by a friend. Can you also share when you have let a friend down? Younger kids: read Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day.

Questions:

1. What did Jesus say Peter would do that evening? How did Peter respond?
2. When Jesus went to the garden, what did He ask Peter, James and John to do? What did they do? Do you ever let people down? What is their response?
3. What are some of the emotions of Jesus in the garden? How does that make you feel?
4. List all the ways the disciples disappointed or failed Jesus in today's reading. Did Jesus know this would happen? What was Jesus's response to them?

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Jesus' Jewish Trials – Jesus' Three Jewish Trials & Peter's Three Denials

Today's Reading: John 18:12-27; Matthew 26:57-75; Luke 22:54-71

Pick a family member and put them on trial for something silly they have done (like wear clothes that don't match or left the toilet seat up). You can call witnesses, have a prosecution and defense (modify for age appropriateness). How is the American trial system different from the Jewish?

Questions:

1. Where did the soldiers take Jesus after His arrest? What did they ask Him there and how did He respond?
2. Why do you think Simon Peter followed Jesus after His arrest?
3. How did Peter respond when various people asked if he knew Jesus? Why do you think Peter did this? How do you think Peter felt after he had denied knowing Jesus three times and then looked right into His face?
4. Have you ever answered someone one way in an emotional moment and then so wished to have that moment back so you could answer differently? If so, share.

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Jesus' Roman Trials – Jesus' Three Roman Trials, Releasing Barabbas, & Jesus' Beatings

Today's Reading: John 18:28-40; Luke 23:1-25; John 19:1-22

Each gospel reveals different events of the day before the death of Jesus. As you do today's reading either draw quick pictures or use words to summarize the different events. Then go back and fit them together to see a full picture of the day.

Questions:

1. What are the first questions Pilate asks Jesus? Why would Pilate be concerned about this?
2. Where did Pilate send Jesus? Why did he send him there?
3. What was Pilate's evaluation of Jesus? What convinced Pilate to go ahead and judge against Jesus?
4. Who was Barabbas? What happened to him? What do you imagine Barabbas did with the rest of his life?

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Jesus' Crucifixion – Jesus Carries the Cross, is Crucified, & Jesus' Call to Carry your Cross

Today's Reading: Matthew 27:31-44; Acts 2:22-23; Luke 14: 25-33

Take a piece of paper and draw a large cross on it. Write Luke 14:27 on it. Have each person write one thing that is their current "cross" to

bear in order to follow Jesus. Post the drawing in a public place to encourage one another to continue carrying your cross.

Questions:

1. Who carried the cross of Jesus? What do you imagine he might have been thinking?
2. What sign was posted above Jesus on the cross? Why?
3. How did the robbers on either side of Jesus treat Him?
4. What cross has Jesus asked you to carry? Or what cost are you willing to pay to follow Jesus? Is there any cost you are not willing to pay to follow Him?

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Jesus' Conversations – Jesus Talks with Women, Soldiers, & the Thief on the Cross

Today's Reading: Luke 23:26-44; 1Corinthians 2:7-8; 1Peter 2:18-25

Here is a short kid-friendly video to watch to give a visual of Christ on the cross: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhGE5CPLFlo>

Questions:

1. What did each of the thieves on the cross say to Jesus? What does the response of Jesus tell you about His grace? What do you think you would have said if you had been one of the thieves?
2. If the rulers had understood the mystery of God what wouldn't they have done?
3. Do you think you understand God's thoughts? Why or why not?
4. How did Jesus leave us an example to do good even if we have to suffer wrongfully? Have you ever experienced this? What was the result?

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Jesus' Suffering – Various Prophecies of the Cross (My God, I Thirst, Garments Divided, Pierced)

Today's Reading: Mark 15:20-36; John 19:23-37; Psalms 22

Psalm 22 was written approximately 1,000 years before Jesus died on the cross, yet speaks exactly to the thoughts of Jesus on the cross.

What do you predict will be happening 1,000 years from now? God knows exactly even when we don't have any idea!

Questions:

1. What did they try to give Jesus to drink? Why do you think He refused to drink it?
2. What did Jesus cry out to God at about 3pm? Why did God turn away? How is this moment so important to our salvation?
3. How did Jesus care for His mother even in the midst of His incredible suffering?
4. How many different references to the cross and the thoughts of Jesus can you find in Psalm 22? Isn't this amazing?

Let's Talk: Day 315

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.