

### Let's Talk: Day 323-One Story

Peter – The Lame Man Healed & Apostles Arrested – Peter & John's Bold Message

Today's Reading: Acts 3 & 4; Ephesians 6:18-20

Go to your room and find three things you are willing to share and three things that would be very hard for you to share. Share with your family why you chose them.

Questions:

1. What did the lame man ask of Peter and John? Is that what he really needed?
2. What did Peter and John give the man? Has someone ever asked you for something and you knew they needed something else? What did you do? What testimony did this formerly lame man have on the community?
3. Before releasing the disciples from prison, what did the priests tell them not to do? How did Peter and John respond? How do you think you would have responded?
4. For what did the disciples pray? Have you ever prayed for this? What did the disciples do with their stuff? How well do you share your stuff?

### Let's Talk: Day 324

Peter – Rearrested, Tried, & Beaten for Preaching – The Honor of Suffering for Jesus

Today's Reading: Acts 5; Matthew 5:10-12; 1Peter 3:13-17

The church is persecuted daily around the world and Christians continue to stand boldly. To read some of the amazing stories go to <http://www.persecution.com/>

Questions:

1. After the angel opened the prison doors what did the disciples do? What do you think you would have done? What do you imagine the priests were thinking when the prison was empty and they heard the disciples were preaching at the temple again?
2. Have you ever thought how hard the hearts of these priests must have been to see the miracles Jesus was doing and yet reject Him over and over again? Do you see this same attitude today? Explain.
3. How did the disciples live out the passages in Matthew 5 and 1Peter 3? Have you ever suffered for doing good? Were you able to rejoice? How can these passages encourage you?
4. What was Gamaliel's advice? Did the priests take this advice to heart?

### **Let's Talk: Day 325**

Peter – The First Deacons – The Deacon's Ministry Frees Up Elders to Focus on the Word

Today's Reading: Acts 6; 1Timothy 5:17-18; 1Timothy 3:8-13

Do you know who the deacons (or equivalent term) are in your church? Write a letter to one of them thanking them for serving the people in the church.

Questions:

1. In order for the Twelve to be able to focus on praying and teaching God's Word, what did the church do?
2. What are some of the qualifications of being a deacon? What are the qualifications of a deacon's wife? Why do you think a deacon's wife has to be qualified too?
3. How did the men who argued with Stephen seek to get revenge?
4. How should the elders/deacons be honored?

### **Let's Talk: Day 326**

Peter – Stephen's Message & Martyrdom – Looking to Jesus & Forgiving Wrongdoers

Today's Reading: Acts 7; Hebrews 12:1-3; Luke 23:32-34

Today's story recaps many other stories from the Bible. To keep your younger kids engaged, use them or their toys as the characters of these mini-stories. For the older kids, whenever you start a new "mini-story" recap from Acts 7 see if your family can fill in the details.

Questions:

1. What question did the high priest ask Stephen (you may need to reference yesterday's reading for context)? Did Stephen answer the question?
2. What was Stephen's message to the people? Throughout history how often did the Jews accuse God's prophets and miss the message He had for them? Why do you think that is the case? Do you think this happens today?
3. What similar words did Stephen use as Jesus did on the cross?
4. How can the passage in Hebrews help motivate us when we are wrongly accused?

### **Let's Talk: Day 327**

Peter – Ethiopian Eunuch – Discussing Isaiah 53, a 700-year old Prophecy about Jesus

Today's Reading: Acts 8:4-40; Isaiah 53; Acts 9:32-43

Play a game of musical chairs as a family. Afterwards discuss how important it is to be at the right place at the right time. God certainly put Philip in the right place at the right time as we will see in today's reading.

Questions:

1. Where did Philip first go to preach the gospel in Acts 8? Why is this place significant? Did the Jews like these people? How did the people receive the Word?
2. Who did Philip meet on the road in the desert? What was the man doing?
3. How did Philip help the man understand what Jesus did? How many references about Jesus can you find in Isaiah 53?
4. How can this encourage you that Jesus can put you in exactly the right place at the right time to do His work? Do you have an example from your own life to share?

## **Let's Talk: Day 328**

Peter – Cornelius Conversion – God Brings Gentiles (Non-Jews) into God's Household

Today's Reading: Acts 10 & 11:1-18; Ephesians 2:11-22

Think of some people groups that are very unlike you. Would it be easy to share the gospel with them? Do you even want to? Pray for that people group to know Jesus and for your heart to be soft toward them.

Questions:

1. How would you describe Cornelius?
2. What vision did Peter have? How many times did he have it? How many people appeared at his door?
3. Why was it a big deal for Peter to go to Cornelius? Are there many examples of the gospel being shared with Gentiles at this point?
4. How did Peter explain his actions to the men of Judea? How does Jesus bring together Jews and Gentiles?

## **Let's Talk: Day 329**

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.