

Let's Talk: Day 1-Whole Bible

Today's Reading: Genesis 1-2 & Job 1-2 / Family Chapter: Genesis 1

What better way to start the year than to talk about God's creation! He makes all things new. Set the timer for three minutes and make a list of all the things God created. Can you identify which day each of them was created? Read the first chapter of Genesis and compare that with the list you have made.

Questions:

1. What did God create "in the beginning?" Ever wonder what it means by heavens [plural]? If you want to go deeper, doing a word study on the word "heavens" makes a great study.
2. What did God say after He created everything? Why would He say that? What do you think a world without sin would look/feel like? How might it appear different than our present world?
3. What is your most favorite thing that God created? Least favorite? Weirdest?
4. Is there any way you can create something from nothing? Did God? How?

Let's Talk: Day 2

Today's Reading: Genesis 3-5 & Job 3-4 / Family Chapter: Job 1

Everyone will experience storms in their life, not with physical thunder and lightning but circumstances that cause emotional turbulence and agony. Watch the video by Casting Crowns "I will Praise You in the Storm" www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ji2rLXr3cEU&playnext=1&list=PLA60B6EB49C1BB1AE.

Job experienced a huge storm. What did he do about it?

Questions:

1. Who brought up Job's name? Who was He talking to and where were they? Do you think these kinds of conversations happen today? What would they say about you?
2. Were the trials of Job listed in this chapter a result of his bad choices? Why was he experiencing these trials?
3. List some of the terrible things that happened to Job in this chapter. Could Satan do anything beyond what God allowed? How does that make you feel?
4. Can you think of a time when you have had a storm of trials in your life and depended on God? Was it easy or hard? Explain. Why does God allow "storms" to happen in our life?

Let's Talk: Day 3

Today's Reading: Genesis 6-8 & Job 5-6 / Family Chapter: Genesis 6

Watch this part of Evan Almighty: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80x9FmKsyg4&feature=fvsr>. If you haven't seen it, this is a great movie to watch as a family. After you watch the clip, read about Noah in Genesis 6.

Questions:

1. How many sons did Noah have? What were their names?
2. How many people were on the ark? How many of each animal?
3. Are there any animals you wish Noah had not brought on the ark?
4. Would you have believed someone like Noah (or Evan from the movie) if they said the world was going to flood? Why or why not? How do you imagine that God talked to Noah? Face to face, just a voice from the sky or some other way?

Let's Talk: Day 4

Today's Reading: Genesis 9-11 & Job 7-8 / Family Chapter: Genesis 11

Work together as a family or create a competition to see who can build the tallest structure. You can use blocks, Legos, cards, plastic cups or let the family decide the building materials. Be creative! The

people of Babel tried to build a tower to heaven. Do you think anyone could build a tower that tall?

Questions:

1. What did the people of the earth have in common?
2. What did God do to everyone? Where did they go?
3. Why in verse seven does it say, "come let Us?" Who is the "Us?"
4. Have you ever thought about how God is watching what goes on in your daily life? What areas would He be proud of? In what areas do you need to rely more on Him?

Let's Talk: Day 5

Today's Reading: Genesis 12-15 & Job 9 / Family Chapter: Genesis 15

Look up images on the internet of star constellations (or download apps like Star Walk or Sky View). See if you can identify any of the constellations in the sky. How many stars do you think are in the sky?

Questions:

1. What did God first say to Abram? (Hint: it's the most common thing that God or an angel says to a human.) Why would He say that?
2. How many descendants did God promise Abram?
3. God promises Abram children at an old age. Can you think of any other promises God has made? Have you ever seen one of God's promises fulfilled in your life? What promise are you trusting Him for?
4. Faith is believing God even before you see the outcome of what God says. How did Abram believe God in this chapter? Do you think that was easier to do than our faith in believing Jesus as our Savior? Why or why not?

Let's Talk: Day 6

Today's Reading: Genesis 16-18 & Job 10-11 / Family Chapter: Genesis 17

Set out a pile of marshmallows then count out 99. How big is the pile? Share some hot chocolate and read the chapter together about Abram being 99 years old.

Questions:

1. What did Abram do when God was talking to him (verses 3 and 17)? Why do you think he did these things? When you hear from God (by prayer or reading the Bible) how do you respond?
2. What new name did God give Abram?
3. What did God promise Abram? Hadn't He already promised Him this in earlier chapters? Why would He say it again? Has God ever told you the same thing twice?
4. How does God say He will also bless Ishmael? Who are today's descendants of Ishmael?

Let's Talk: Day 7

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: Who told Jacob to prepare food and trick his father to give him the blessing? Genesis 27

We have just finished a week of beginnings. Bundle up and take a walk as a family. As you walk together, thank God for the new year, His creation, His promises, and how He will carry you through any storm.