

Let's Talk: Day 15-Whole Bible

Today's Reading: Genesis 31-32 & Job 22 / Family Chapter: Genesis 32

Let's wrestle! As a family, engage in some thumb wrestling matches. Then read how Jacob wrestled with his fears and with God.

Questions:

1. Why was Jacob afraid of meeting Esau? Have you ever been afraid of meeting someone? How did you handle it? How did Jacob handle it?
2. How many people did Jacob take with him when he crossed over the ford of Jabbok?
3. Who did Jacob wrestle with at night? What happened to Jacob as a result of this wrestling match? How might that physical reminder of his wrestling match actually help Jacob the rest of his life?
4. Have you ever "wrestled" with God? What happened? Do you have any lasting reminders as a result? (Parents – this is a great opportunity to share as you may have more answers here than your kids)

Let's Talk: Day 16

Today's Reading: Genesis 33-35 & Job 23-24 / Family Chapter: Genesis 35

Jacob built an altar to remind him of how God protected him. Get out the Playdoh or mix your own: <http://www.kiddinaround.com/pages/3-Easy-Recipes-for-Making-Homemade-Play-Dough.html>. Then create something that helps you remember God and all He has done for you.

Questions:

1. Where did God tell Jacob to build the altar? What did it represent?
2. What did God rename Jacob? What did God promise Jacob?

3. If your name reflected what God had promised for you in your life, what would you like to be renamed?
4. Throughout the Bible, God tells His people to remember the specific times He delivered them. They often made altars or pillars at the places He delivered them. How do you record or remember the times God has provided for you? If this is a new idea to you, how could you start today?

Let's Talk: Day 17

Today's Reading: Genesis 36-37 & Job 25-27 / Family Chapter: Genesis 37

What do you dream about? Everybody dreams, but most people (90% or more) don't remember their dreams. On average, a person dreams about four to seven dreams per night. Talk about your dreams and the best dream you remember.

Questions:

1. What were the two dreams Joseph shared with his family? Was he wise to share these dreams the way he did? How would you have felt if you were one of his parents or siblings?
2. Have you ever had a dream that came true? If so, what happened?
3. What did his brothers do to Joseph? Why did they do this? Have you ever been jealous of a sibling?
4. If you were Joseph's brother, what would have been a better way to handle your jealousy? If you were Joseph's father, what could you have done to help the brothers get along better? How did Jacob contribute to the jealousy?

Let's Talk: Day 18

Today's Reading: Genesis 38-39 & Job 28-29 / Family Chapter: Genesis 39

Look up what the word blessed/blessing means. God blessed – or found favor – with Joseph. How do you feel blessed to be a believer of Christ?

Questions:

1. Who bought Joseph? What was his occupation?
2. What job did they give Joseph?
3. Multiple times in this chapter it says that the “Lord was with Joseph.” How can you tell this was true?
4. If the Lord was with Joseph, why did He allow Joseph to be sold into slavery and then put into prison? Why didn’t God just protect Joseph and give him good things? Can you think of a hard circumstance God allowed you to experience that led to a great deliverance later?

Let’s Talk: Day 19

Today’s Reading: Genesis 40-41 & Job 30 / Family Chapter: Genesis 40

As you read the chapter today you may want to draw a picture to illustrate the dreams. Then discuss with one another what Joseph said each of the dreams meant.

Questions:

1. Who was put in the prison with Joseph?
2. If you were Joseph and had been pulled away from your family, sold into slavery, then wrongly accused and thrown into prison, do you think you would even notice anyone else’s problems? What question does Joseph ask the two men? What does that tell you about Joseph’s character?
3. What did each of their dream’s mean?
4. God gave Joseph the gift to interpret dreams. What is something you are good at that you can use for God?

Let’s Talk: Day 20

Today’s Reading: Genesis 42-43 & Job 31 / Family Chapter: Genesis 42

Talk about a time when you have had to ask for help. With what did you need assistance? Was it difficult to ask someone else for help?

Questions:

1. Why did Joseph's brothers come to Egypt? Did Joseph's brothers recognize him when they saw him?
2. How was this chapter a fulfillment of Joseph's earlier dreams?
3. Do you think the brothers were sorry for what they had done to Joseph? Why or why not?
4. Would you be willing to help someone who had treated you badly? Can forgiveness occur before the person who wronged you is sorry? Explain.

Let's Talk: Day 21

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: Which one of Joseph's brothers was kept in the prison until the rest of them returned with the youngest brother? Genesis 42

Draw or write down three things in your life for which you are thankful. Name one difficult circumstance you are experiencing. How can you focus on being thankful in the midst of this difficult circumstance?