

Let's Talk: Day 22-Whole Bible

Today's Reading: Genesis 44-45 & Job 32-33 / Family Chapter: Genesis 45

Share with your family members a time when you have been surprised. Do you like surprises? Joseph's brothers were surprised that he was alive. What other emotions can happen at the same time as surprise?

Questions:

1. How did Joseph see that his trials had all been a part of God's plan for good? Have you ever seen a trial in your life work for good?
2. What did Joseph ask his brothers to tell their father, Jacob?
3. Who did Joseph hug first? How do you think you would have felt to see your little brother after many years?
4. What was Jacob's response when he heard that Joseph was still alive? What would you be thinking if you were Jacob on your way to meet your son, whom you thought had died?

Let's Talk: Day 23

Today's Reading: Genesis 46-47 & Job 34 / Family Chapter: Genesis 47

Find a world map and locate the country of Egypt. Joseph spent many years in Egypt and eventually brought his family there during the famine. What famous structure is in Egypt?

Questions:

1. What is the occupation of Joseph's brothers and father?
2. How old was Jacob when he came before the Pharaoh?
3. How do you think Jacob and his family felt about relocating to Egypt? Do you think they wondered if they would ever return to their Promised Land in Canaan? If you have ever moved, what are some of the challenges in getting settled in a new place?
4. What request did Jacob make of Joseph? Why?

Let's Talk: Day 24

Today's Reading: Genesis 48-49 & Job 35-36 / Family Chapter:
Genesis 48

We will read about the blessing that Jacob gave Joseph's kids. As Christians we can be a blessing to those around us. Listen to the song "The Blessing" <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWs-4tPGMGE>. How is the blessing talked about in Genesis 48 different from the one talked about in the song?

Questions:

1. How many sons did Joseph have? What were their names?
2. What happened when Jacob (Israel) laid his hands on them to bless them?
3. What other story about blessings and brothers have we read about in Genesis that sounds similar to this one?
4. When you get to heaven, do you have any questions that you would like God to explain? If so, name one. His ways are beyond our human understanding but we can trust Him to take care of us no matter what happens. How is Joseph's life a good illustration of this principle?

Let's Talk: Day 25

Today's Reading: Genesis 50-Exodus 2 & Job 37 / Family Chapter:
Exodus 1

Get your family into the mood of our amazing setting of Exodus. Google images of ancient Egypt. Then go to this site and translate your name into hieroglyphics: <http://guardians.net/egypt/hieroglyphs/hiero-translator.htm>

Questions

1. After Joseph died and a few generations passed, how did the people of Egypt begin to feel about the Hebrews? Why did they feel this way?
2. What job did Pharaoh give the Hebrews?

3. What instruction did Pharaoh give the midwives [people that helped ladies have their babies]? How did the midwives obey God instead? How did God bless them as a result?
4. Has there ever been a time when you had to disobey a person to obey God? When is this right? Can you think of any other examples in history when people had to make this choice? [i.e. families in WWII that hid Jews from Nazi's.]

Let's Talk: Day 26

Today's Reading: Exodus 3-5 & Job 38 / Family Chapter: Exodus 3

Watch this video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZpYMr-Ed0Q> about Moses' first meeting with God at the burning bush. Then read Exodus three.

Questions:

1. What did God ask Moses to do when he came up the mountain to the bush?
2. What name does God tell Moses to tell the children of Israel?
3. What sign does God give Moses to show the Israelites?
4. Why do you think God chose to talk to Moses through a bush?

Let's Talk: Day 27

Today's Reading: Exodus 6-8 & Job 39-40 / Family Chapter: Exodus 7

Prepare the materials for a fun science experiment which turns colored water clear. Get a clear glass and fill it half-way with water. Add a few drops of food coloring and mix it around. To make the water clear add a few drops of bleach. Did the experiment work? Read what God did to the color of the Egyptian water.

Questions:

1. How is God's power – as demonstrated through Moses – more powerful than that of the magicians? What would you have been thinking if you had been watching this scene unfold?
2. With what object did Moses touch the water? How did the water transform?
3. What happened as result of all the waters turning to blood?

4. Do you think there is anything that God could have done that would have changed Pharaoh's mind? Why or why not?

Let's Talk: Day 28

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: How old were Moses and Aaron when they spoke to Pharaoh? Exodus 7

This week we read about the Israelites and how they traveled around Egypt into the wilderness on their way to the Promised Land. If you could travel anywhere where would you go and how long would you stay? What would be your itinerary?