

Let's Talk: Day 29-Whole Bible

Today's Reading: Exodus 9-10 & Job 41-42 / Family Chapter: Job 42

We have taken a long break from the book of Job. For 41 chapters, Job has struggled through tremendous loss and has gotten little comfort from his friends. In this final chapter, Job's trial ends and he's finally comforted and doubly blessed. Can you think of any other Biblical characters that went through a difficult trial but were later blessed?

Questions:

1. After Job hears from God what does he say?
2. What does God say to Job's friends? What can you learn from this when your friends go through trials?
3. What did God bless Job with at the end of his trials?
4. Would you have been able to praise God if He had allowed what happened to Job to happen to you? Explain. How could you praise God in the bad times as well as the good?

Let's Talk: Day 30

Today's Reading: Exodus 11-12 & Psalms 1-4 / Family Chapter: Exodus 12

Moses and the first Passover saved the Israelites from death. Jesus was the true Passover lamb whose sacrifice has given us eternal life and saved us from spiritual death. Read Exodus 12; then take a few minutes to thank God for His sacrifice.

Questions:

1. What were the Israelites told to do with the blood of the lamb they sacrificed?
2. How many days did God command that the Passover celebration should take place?
3. Why did the lamb (and Jesus) have to die?

4. What other similarities are there between the first Passover and Jesus?

Let's Talk: Day 31

Today's Reading: Exodus 13-14 & Psalms 5-7 / Family Chapter: Exodus 14

Watch Moses parting the Red Sea in the famous movie The Ten Commandments: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqCTq3EeDcY>. What do you think of the special effects? This is a fun one to act out as a family as well (you can use tables and blue sheets).

Questions:

1. What did God tell Moses to do to part the Red Sea?
2. What did God send between the Israelites and the Egyptian army?
3. Pretend you are one of the Israelites at the back of the line? Describe what you would be seeing and how you would feel?
4. Describe how it would have felt to be a member of the Egyptian army. Do you believe God can still do miracles today? Can you remember a "Red Sea" moment in your life?

Let's Talk: Day 32

Today's Reading: Exodus 15-16 & Psalm 8-9 / Family Chapter: Exodus 16

If you could only eat one food every day for the next year what would it be? What food would you like to never eat again? If you are eating dinner while doing these discussions, have your kids act out the story with only items found on the dinner table.

Questions:

1. What were the Israelites complaining about and what did they wish for?
2. What food did God say He would provide to the Israelites?
3. What happened to the manna when the ground became hot from the sun?

4. Manna is the bread given by God to meet the needs of His people. Who is called the “Bread of Life” in the New Testament and how does He meet our needs?

Let’s Talk: Day 33

Today’s Reading: Exodus 17-19 & Psalm 10-12 / Family Chapter: Exodus 18

As a family, decide on one or two issues about which there is often disagreement or complaining. Let every member of the family have a chance to give their advice on how best to solve the issue. Make it fun and pretend you are reporting from a court room scene or you are the host of a new radio talk show called “Lucy’s Life Tips.”

Questions:

1. Who gave Moses advice?
2. What was Moses doing that was unwise and what kind of advice did he receive?
3. Discuss with your family the people whose advice you trust. What qualities do they have that make them trustworthy?
4. What is the best advice you have ever received?

Let’s Talk: Day 34

Today’s Reading: Exodus 20-22 & Psalm 13-15 / Family Chapter: Exodus 20

Make a list from one to ten and then see how many of the Ten Commandments you can list as a family. Bonus points if you put them in order of when they were given! You could even play charades and see if your family can guess some of the commandments (you decide which ones you want to include).

Questions:

1. Which commandment contains a promise and what is it?
2. Do you think one commandment is more important than another? If so which one?
3. Which commandment is hardest for you to observe? Why?

4. The Israelites were supposed to build what kind of altar? Why do you think God was specific about the building materials?

Let's Talk: Day 35

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: What did Moses do with the tablets when he saw the Israelites? Exodus 32

This week we talked about the food that God provided to the people of Israel. Ask the children to pick a meal or a snack that they would like to make for the family and then assist them as needed in its preparation. You could invite a family over that you have been meaning to get to know better and share a meal with them.