

Let's Talk: Day 64-Whole Bible

Today's Reading: Numbers 7 & Psalms 69-70 / Family Chapter: Psalm 69

David asks for help from God in this Psalm. As a family, see if you can remember any specific Bible events in which David was in trouble and reached out to God. What was happening to David then? Did God help David? How?

Questions:

1. What are some of the emotions David had in this Psalm?
2. Why is David upset?
3. Despite his feelings, what choices does David make in this Psalm? What is your favorite verse in this Psalm? Why?
4. Have you had a time when you have needed God and felt alone? What happened?

Let's Talk: Day 65

Today's Reading: Numbers 8-10 & Psalms 71 / Family Chapter: Psalm 71

Give a sheet of blank paper to each member of the family and have them write their name on it. Rotate papers and write at least one word or phrase to describe that person. Rotate through so everyone has a chance to write at least once on each person's paper. Parents can write for the little ones. Just as every family relationship is unique, so each individual's connection with God is also unique. How do you uniquely know God?

Questions:

1. What does the psalmist ask God to be for him? What do you think that means?
2. From what does he ask God to deliver him?

3. Find three “You are...” phrases in this Psalm. Can you create your own “You are...” phrase to God?
4. What are some of the “do not’s” that David asks? What kind of “do not” prayer would you like to ask God?

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Today’s Reading: Numbers 11-12 & Psalms 72-73

Family Chapter: Numbers 11

Read Numbers 11 together as a family and act out (might be a good time to bring out your stuffed angry birds!). While reading verses 4-6 and 11-15, use your best whiney voice. You could also use a big pile of change or dried beans to count out “70 elders” from the pile.

Questions:

1. What did the Israelites complain about in verses four through six? Can you remember any of the miracles that God had done for them starting with the first plague? How could they have forgotten?
2. What did Moses complain about in verses 11-15? If you were Moses do you think you would have acted any different? Explain why.
3. When is the last time you complained about something? To whom did you complain? Is it sometimes easy to forget all the good God does for you and just focus on the current complaint? How could you choose differently?
4. How were the 70 elders supposed to help Moses? Do you have anyone in your life that helps you with your responsibilities? If so who and how do they help?

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Today’s Reading: Numbers 13-14 & Psalms 74-75

Family Chapter: Numbers 13

Today we are reading the story of the 12 men who spied out the Promised Land. Play a game of “I Spy” and then act out this story with your family members. Pretend you are spies and describe what you see to each other.

Questions:

1. What was the mission of these 12 spies?
2. What report did the spies give when they returned 40 days later? Which spy had a differing opinion? What did he suggest?
3. Do you think the God that had been performing many miracles for the Israelites could take care of this problem, too? Why do the Israelites keep failing to trust God?
4. Have you ever been in a situation or been around people by whom you were intimidated? What would it take for you to see the circumstances like Caleb did rather than the spies' perspective?

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Today's Reading: Numbers 15-16 & Psalms 76-77 / Family Chapter: Psalm 77

Pick one person to read the psalm aloud. Then pick another person (or split up the psalm and take turns) to mime out the actions while it is being read. If you want to add a challenge, first gather a small bucket of random household items and challenge the "mime" to use as many of them as he can as props.

Questions:

1. What emotions is the psalmist feeling at the start? Why is it good that he is sharing these feelings with God? Do you share your heart like this to God?
2. At what point in the psalm does it seem like the psalmist changes his focus off of his circumstances? What is his new focus? How can you do this?
3. In our modern songs we usually have several verses but then come back and sing a repeated chorus between each verse that is the main theme of the song. If you were to pick two lines from this psalm as the chorus which would they be?
4. What do you choose to "remember" about God when problems arise in your life?

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Today's Reading: Numbers 17-18 & Psalms 78 / Family Chapter: Numbers 17

Read Numbers 17 and make chocolate covered pretzel rods to celebrate Aaron's rod that budded. Melt the chocolate and dip the pretzels in. Then have some flower sprinkles to put on the end. Share as a family!

Questions:

1. Whose name was written on the rod of Levi?
2. Where did Moses place the rods from each tribe? Why do you think Aaron's rod budded?
3. What caused Moses to gather the 12 rods in the first place? Is there a recurring weakness or complaint that keeps cycling back in your life? What can you do to break this cycle?
4. Is there a leader in your life that you have trouble submitting to but you know God wants you to? If so stop and pray that you could ultimately submit to God by following this leader God has allowed in your life.

Let's Talk: Day 70

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: What did Balaam do to the donkey? Number 22

The authors of the Psalms often compare God with the forces of nature. Why do you think they do that? Our modern day inventions and technology are powerful. How would you write a psalm that compares God to modern technology? For example, "I can ask you a million questions or tell you a million prayers and you never run out of memory. You never need to be rebooted. You have an unlimited battery and even when I don't Google you the right words, you know my heart and return the answers I need."