

Let's Talk: Day 71-Whole Bible

Today's Reading: Numbers 19-20 & Psalms 79-80

Family Chapter: Numbers 20

As a family, go outside in the yard or in a park and see how many rocks you can count in three minutes. Then read today's chapter and guess how this activity is related.

Questions:

1. What were the Israelites complaining about this time? How would you have felt if you were Moses?
2. What did the Lord command Moses and Aaron to do? What did Moses actually do?
3. What sin did Moses commit? [Doctrinally Jesus is our Rock who was stricken once for us [Ex 17:6] but henceforth we can come and speak to Him and He will give us living water [Nu 20]]
4. What does this teach us concerning God's perspective of following His detailed instructions?

Let's Talk: Day 72

Today's Reading: Numbers 21-22 & Psalms 81-83 / Family Chapter: Numbers 22

Can you imagine what it would be like to be able to talk with an animal or hear them say something? Watch this video of Dr. Doolittle: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VKE1aYvqHLM>. Then read Numbers 22 which was an actual event – not a fairy tale!

Questions:

1. What happened between verses 10 and 21 that showed Balaam's first mistake?
2. Why did Balaam hit the donkey? Who opened the mouth of the donkey? How do you think you would have responded if a donkey talked to you?

3. Why do you think God chose to make a donkey talk? How does this scene show God's mercy?
4. If God used a talking donkey to accomplish His purpose should you ever doubt God's ability to use you? Pray that God would use your words in someone else's life this week.

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Today's Reading: Numbers 23-24 & Psalms 84-86 / Family Chapter: Psalm 86

Go to the following website <http://www.acoustica.com/sounds.htm> and click on the different sounds. See who in your family can identify the most sounds. God hears not just our words but the heart behind them.

Questions:

1. When does the psalmist cry?
2. What are some of the action verbs that the psalmist uses in his requests to God? Pick one to pray back to God.
3. Are there any thoughts or any words said that God doesn't hear? How do you think God can hear all the voices on earth at once?
4. How can a person's actions glorify God's name? If it is your desire, ask God to help you glorify His name this week.

Let's Talk: Day 74

Today's Reading: Numbers 25-26 & Psalms 87-88 / Family Chapter: Psalm 88

Give each family member a piece of paper and some crayons/markers. As one person reads the psalm, have the rest of the family draw how they think the psalmist was feeling when he wrote this. Be creative: draw images, scribbles of different colors, or words. God wants us to be honest with how we are feeling; He can handle it.

Questions:

1. What is the psalmist's soul full of? Do you ever feel this way? If so, explain.
2. What has he stretched out daily to God? How do we do that?

3. Do you think God really left Him alone? Why or why not? Have you ever reached out to God when you were feeling alone or in trouble? Did God comfort you or did He still feel far away?
4. The Psalms were sung to the congregation of Israel. How would this psalm help someone going through a hard time?

Let's Talk: Day 75

Today's Reading: Numbers 27-29 & Psalms 89 / Family Chapter: Numbers 28

Pick a recipe with a list of ingredients and make it together. How important is it to follow the directions? What happens if you forget an ingredient? Numbers has many directions to follow but each one has a purpose. The keys to these Old Testament illustrations are often found in the New Testament.

Questions:

1. List some of the directions for the sacrifices. Which one seems most confusing or strange to you?
2. Why would God ask people to sacrifice innocent animals? (Read Hebrews 10:1-4) How did this remind them of their sin?
3. The blood of animals didn't actually cleanse people from sins but was a picture foretelling of the ultimate sacrifice when Jesus gave Himself for us (Hebrews 9:11-15, 28). Have you ever pictured a heavenly tabernacle where Jesus offered Himself for you?
4. On three separate occasions in this chapter God says to meet together and do what? How does that help our relationship with God and each other? Do you do this regularly and if so how do you benefit?

Let's Talk: Day 76

Today's Reading: Numbers 30-31 & Psalms 90 / Family Chapter: Numbers 31

Play a game of Follow the Leader, Simon Says, Knock-out basketball or similar game of your choice. Is it important to follow the rules? Why? Talk about what each family member does to follow God. Then read how the Israelites followed God's instructions.

Questions:

1. To whom did the Lord speak?
2. How many people did God send to war against the Midianites?
3. What blessing did Israel see from following God's command to war? How might we be blessed by obeying God and doing something hard?
4. Why do you think God spends the time to write down all these details? What do you think He might be trying to tell us?

Let's Talk: Day 77

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: Who will the Lord give charge over you? Psalm 91

We've spent the last several weeks studying Moses as he leads the people of Israel. How do you think Moses rated as a leader? What were his weaknesses? Do you think you are more like Moses, Aaron, Joshua, or Caleb? Why?