

Let's Talk: Day 155-Whole Bible

We are about to read a chapter on Jesus' miracles. Before reading, do a game of charades acting out some of the miracles of Jesus. How many can you guess? Today's Reading: 1Kings 2-3, Matthew 8-9 / Family Chapter: Matthew 8

Questions:

1. How long did it take for Jesus to heal the leper? Can you imagine what that would have looked like?
2. What was amazing about the Centurion's story? How could you use this story to explain the idea of faith?
3. Why would a city [verse 34] want Jesus to leave when He was healing their people? Do people always accept Jesus today? Why or why not?
4. Which miracle would you have most liked to see? Why?

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Today's Reading: 1Kings 4-6, Matthew 10-11 / Family Chapter: Matthew 10

What words do you think of when you imagine a snake? How about a dove? God says we are to be both wise as a snake and innocent as a dove? Which of those comes most naturally to you? Be creative and draw a "sn-ove" or a "do-ke" (creature that is half snake and half dove).

Questions:

1. When Jesus sent out his disciples he said they were like sheep in the midst of wolves. What does that mean?
2. Jesus says He will use us to speak about Him in front of all kinds of people, even people in authority. Do we need to worry about what we are going to say? What does Jesus say? Is that easy to do? Explain.
3. What does God know about our hair? What does that mean to you?

4. Jesus loves us, gave His life to save us and one of His names is “Prince of Peace.” How is that true and yet he also says He didn’t come to bring peace but a sword (verses 34-39)?

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Today’s Reading: 1Kings 7, Matthew 12 / Family Chapter: Matthew 12

Jesus talks about the importance of our speech. Go around the table and everyone take turns saying something encouraging. Remember, we reflect Jesus when we encourage others.

Questions:

1. What is the Sabbath?
2. What was Jesus trying to teach the people about the Sabbath?
3. What did the Pharisees accuse Jesus of after he healed a demon-possessed man?
4. Who does Jesus say is His family? Are you part of His family?

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Today’s Reading: 1Kings 8, Matthew 13 / Family Chapter: Matthew 13

Today we read about a parable of the sower. Do a science experiment and plant some flowers or grass seeds in four different types of soil: the street, rocky, weedy or thorny, and nutrient-rich. Which one grows best?

Questions:

1. Why does Jesus speak in parables?
2. What does the weedy or thorny ground represent? What does that look like in a person’s life? What kind of “soil” is in your heart?
3. What is another parable that Jesus uses to describe the kingdom of heaven? What does it mean?
4. What did the people that Jesus grew up with in Nazareth think about Him? Why do you think they thought that way?

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Today's Reading: 1Kings 9-10, Matthew 14 / Family Chapter: 1Kings 10

If Solomon lived today, what is the most expensive, fanciful item he could have afforded? You can think of something so expensive it hasn't even been invented yet!

Questions:

1. Why did the Queen of Sheba visit Solomon? What was her comment about his kingdom?
2. What did she bring to give him?
3. Describe some of the riches of his kingdom.
4. Why was Solomon rich? (Hint: 1Kings 3:10-14)

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Today's Reading: 1Kings 11, Matthew 15 / Family Chapter: 1Kings 11
Research the god "Molech" on the internet. Why was God displeased that Solomon built temples for Molech?

Questions:

1. What was one of Solomon's problems? Why was this a problem?
2. What were the consequences of Solomon's actions? How can our sins sometimes affect future generations?
3. What prophesy did Jeroboam receive?
4. What do you think would have happened if Solomon had repented and stopped his bad choices?

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Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: How many years did Solomon rule over Israel? 1Kings 11

Take a walk today as a family and give each person a chance to pray while on the walk. If you can walk to a park, set that as a destination to play together and "unplug" from all electronics.