

Let's Talk: Day 162-Whole Bible

Today's Reading: 1Kings 12-13, Matthew 16 / Family Chapter: 1Kings 12

There are two main characters in this reading, and it can be confusing as they have similar sounding names. Assign family members to play the roles of Rehoboam and Jeroboam and dramatize the story as you read it today.

Questions:

1. What did Jeroboam ask of Rehoboam? What two groups of people did Rehoboam ask for advice?
2. Whose advice did he take? Do you think that was a good idea? Why or why not?
3. Do you like to take the advice of your peers or the advice or parents or grandparents? Explain.
4. What do you think would have happened if Rehoboam had given Jeroboam what he asked for?

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Today's Reading: 1Kings 14-15, Matthew 17 / Family Chapter: Matthew 17

It must have been amazing to see Jesus transfigured on the mountain top. Using the description in verses one through three, draw a picture of what the disciples might have seen.

Questions:

1. Who appeared to Jesus when he was on the top of the mountain?
2. What do you think they might have talked about?
3. What emotion do you think you would have had if you had been on the mountain that day?
4. Besides faith, what was needed to cast out the demon from the son? Have you ever prayed and fasted for anything?

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Today's Reading: 1Kings 16-17, Matthew 18 / Family Chapter: 1Kings 17

Imagine that an archeologist found the widow's diary and you were able to read it. What do you think she would have written during Elijah's stay?

Questions:

1. What did Elijah declare would not happen again until he called for it?
2. Sometimes in hard circumstances, God provides in multiple ways. How did God provide for Elijah in the drought? How has God provided for you in the last month?
3. What did the widow first do for Elijah? What do you think would have happened if she had refused? Instead, how was she blessed?
4. What else did Elijah do for the widow? Why do you think God let the boy get so sick in the first place?

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Today's Reading: 1Kings 18-19, Matthew 19 / Family Chapter: 1Kings 18

In the contest Elijah had with the Baal worshipper, God won. Can you think of someone you know that puts their faith in something other than God: popularity, money, grades, athleticism, etc? Can you imagine a battle to determine who has the most power: God or what they trust?

Questions:

1. Who besides Elijah followed God in this chapter? What did he do? When you feel like you are "all alone" following God what does this passage teach you?
2. Who did Ahab blame for all the trouble in Israel? How did Elijah reply?
3. How long did Elijah let the Baal worshippers call on their god? What happened?

4. How long did it take for God to answer Elijah's request and how did He answer it?
5. How many times did Elijah send his servant to look for rain? What does that tell you about waiting on God?

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Today's Reading: 1Kings 20-21, Matthew 20 / Family Chapter: Matthew 20

For the next 24 hours, each family member should practice putting others first in a variety of situations. How many different ways – driving, at the dinner table, in the neighborhood, at work, or within the family – can you let others “go before” you? Share your examples tomorrow.

Questions:

1. What wages did the laborers agree to work for early in the day? How much were they all paid at the end of the day?
2. How would you have felt if you were a worker hired early in the day? A worker hired late in the day? Does it seem unfair that God is so generous?
3. What did the mother of James and John want for her sons? What instruction did Jesus give for those that want to be first? How can you apply that to your life?
4. What did Jesus ask the two blind men? Does this seem odd? What does it teach us about our prayer life?

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Today's Reading: 1Kings 22, Matthew 21 / Family Chapter: Matthew 21

This is a great chapter to act out and get the whole family involved. If you don't have a strong back you can use action figures or stuffed animals instead of family members as actors.

Questions:

1. What did the people do when Jesus rode through Jerusalem on a donkey?
2. Why did Jesus get angry in the temple?

3. How are the two sons different? Which son are you more like? Why? Do your family members agree?
4. How is the parable of the vinedresser describing, God, Jesus, and the religious leaders of the day [hint: verse 45]?

Let's Talk: Day 168

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: What did Jesus say to the fig tree? Matthew 21

Share together some of the ways you tried to put others first the last 24 hours. If you have time, brainstorm and implement a project as a family that you can put another family before your own.