

Let's Talk: Day 169-Whole Bible

Today's Reading: 2Kings 1-2, Matthew 22 / Family Chapter: 2Kings 2

Draw a picture of what it may have looked like when Elijah was taken up into heaven.

Questions:

1. Why do you think Elisha was so set on not leaving Elijah on the day the Lord was going to take him?
2. How was Elijah taken up to heaven? Do you think those kind of horses are stabled in heaven all the time? Elijah is one of two men in the Bible whom God took to heaven. Do know the name of the other? (Hint: in Genesis 5)
3. How did Elisha see for himself that he had been given a double portion of the power that had been given Elijah? What miracles did he perform?
4. Be a detective. By studying this chapter, what kind of personality do you think Elisha had?

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Today's Reading: 2Kings 3-4, Matthew 23 / Family Chapter: 2Kings 4

The Shunammite woman showed hospitality, contentment and perseverance. Each person share which of these qualities they need to live out this week and how they plan to do it.

Questions:

1. How did Elisha miraculously multiply what the widow already had to meet her needs? How can God multiply your talents and resources to meet your needs?
2. What did the Shunammite woman do for Elisha? How can you focus your eyes on someone else and meet a need for them that they may not even acknowledge they have?

3. Did the woman expect to be thanked for her good deed? How do you know?
4. The Shunammite woman was blessed with a son but then he died. Considering her actions, what do you think she was thinking towards God immediately following his death? How did God turn this tragedy to blessing? Can God turn all your tragedy to blessings?

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Today's Reading: 2Kings 5-6, Matthew 24 / Family Chapter: 2Kings 5

If possible, go to the pool and read today's passage. Jump in seven times. Another option is to play leprosy tag as a family either using garage sale dot stickers or washable markers (messy fun!). Who can have the least spots? Who can make the most spots on another person?

Questions:

1. Describe the character and accomplishments of Naaman. How was he used to being treated?
2. Why didn't Naaman want to obey Elisha's instructions? Has God ever asked you to do something you didn't want to do? If so, what? Did you do it or did you miss the blessing?
3. What do you think God was trying to teach Naaman through this whole experience? Has God ever taught you a similar lesson? If so, explain.
4. Besides God, who do you think was the hero of this story? Why?
5. What bad choice did Gehazi make and what consequence came of it? Why do you think he did that? Are you ever tempted in the same way?

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Today's Reading: 2Kings 7-8, Matthew 25/ Family Chapter: 2Kings 8

The king gave the woman more than what she asked for. Can you surprise someone by giving them even more than what they expect from you? For example, do your own chore AND someone else's.

Questions:

1. What familiar character do we see now working for the king? (Hint: verse 4) Do you think it is a promotion to go from serving Elisha to the king? Why or why not?
2. Do you think it was a coincidence that the king was hearing a story about the Shunammite woman just as she was coming before the king? What does that tell you about God's character?
3. In general, were the kings of this age following God? Why didn't God just destroy them? What does that tell you about God's character?
4. What do you think it would have been like to be the servant of Elisha? Imagine a day with him.

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Today's Reading: 2Kings 9-10, Matthew 26 / Family Chapter: Matthew 26

Have communion at your house today. Break the bread and drink some grape juice so the family can visually picture the Last Supper.

Questions:

1. What is the most precious thing you could offer to Jesus? Are you willing?
2. What does Peter say he will never do? What does he do? How do you think he felt?
3. What did Jesus ask three of his disciples to do for him? What happened? Have you ever prayed for one hour?
4. From his own friends criticizing Jesus for being honored by the woman's perfume to being beaten and on trial, list some other trials Jesus faced these 24 hours. What emotions do you think went through his mind?

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Today's Reading: 2Kings 11-12, Matthew 27 / Family Chapter: Matthew 27

Jesus sacrificed His life for each of us, even His enemies. Discuss the sacrifices family members already make or could make for each other. What sacrifices could you make for strangers and enemies?

Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus didn't answer Pilate some of the time?
2. Who did they release instead of Jesus?
3. What did Pilate's wife think?
4. Who carried the cross for Jesus?

Let's Talk: Day 175

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: What Old Testament prophet spoke about how Jesus would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver? Matthew 27

Enjoy this season's weather and learn about God's wonders! Watch this video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahXIMUkSXX0> and learn about the Fibonacci sequence in nature. Then go for a walk and see how many examples of it you can find.