

## Let's Talk: Day 176-Whole Bible

Today's Reading: 2Kings 13-14, Matthew 28 / Family Chapter: Matthew 28

Jesus rose on the third day, just as He promised. Each person share one promise that Jesus has made that he or she is excited about. If you can't think of any, Google "promises of Jesus."

Questions:

1. What did the soldiers do when they saw the angel? To whom did the angel speak?
2. What did the chief priests do for the soldiers so they would change their "eyewitness account"?
3. What are the three instructions Jesus gave His disciples (and us)? How can you live these personally?
4. What promise did Jesus give us? How does that make you feel?

## Let's Talk: Day 177

Today's Reading: 2Kings 15-16, Mark 1 / Family Chapter: 2Kings 15

There is much information involving numbers in this passage. Can you create some word problems from the information you are given? For example, how old was Azariah when he died?

Questions:

1. How would you summarize this chapter? What do you think God is trying to tell us?
2. What kings of Israel are mentioned here? What kings of Judah? (Remember Jeroboam had split off with 10 of the tribes of Israel years ago when Solomon's son Rehoboam wouldn't listen to the people's requests.)
3. Are the kings' acts generally "evil in the sight of the Lord" or "right in the sight of the Lord"? What do you think that means?

4. Why do you think these kings disobeyed God and served idols?  
What tempts you to put something ahead of God in your life?

### **Let's Talk: Day 178**

Today's Reading: 2Kings 17-18, Mark 2 / Family Chapter: 2Kings 17

With a ball and hoop or a wad of paper and a trash can, try to make a basket. Each time you make a basket, name something the Israelites did to anger God. It doesn't have to be just from this chapter, but from the time Moses led them out of Egypt.

Questions:

1. What reason does God give for the 10 tribes of Israel (the kingdom of Judah is still there) being led into captivity?
2. What warnings had God given both Israel and Judah when they were sinning? Do you listen when you are corrected?
3. The passage says that the settlers that replaced the Israelites "feared God but served their own gods too." Why is this wrong? What might this look like in our life?
4. How do we put Jesus first in everything we do? What would that look like in a typical day?

### **Let's Talk: Day 179**

Today's Reading: 2Kings 19-20, Mark 3 / Family Chapter: 2Kings 19

Begin a family prayer like Hezekiah's, saying: "You are God; You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made the heaven and the earth." Then go around the table, each person naming something else amazing about God.

Questions:

1. Hezekiah was a good king that led his people back to God. When they were then surrounded by the enemy, he prayed to God. How did God reply through the prophet Isaiah?
2. How did the enemy try to make Hezekiah and the people doubt God? How does the devil put seeds of doubt into our thoughts?
3. After the enemy leaves, what is the first thing Hezekiah does? What are some ways you can thank God, as he did?

4. What did God say was the key reason He delivered Israel from their enemy? Evaluate your prayer life; what challenges do you have in your life that you need to pray about?

### **Let's Talk: Day 180**

Today's Reading: 2Kings 21-22, Mark 4 / Family Chapter: 2Kings 22

Instead of "Simon says," play "God says" with actions that God asks you to do (smile at a stranger, pray, sing praises, feed the hungry, comfort the sad, go to church...).

Questions:

1. What did Josiah want to do to the temple?
2. What did Hilkiah the high priest find? Do you wonder for how long something that important could be lost? How did they run the temple and teach the people without it?
3. What was the king's response to the item that was found? Why do you think he had that response?
4. What did God say through Huldah the prophetess? How do you have a tender heart and humble yourself before God? Have you ever done this? If so, explain.

### **Let's Talk: Day 181**

Today's Reading: 2Kings 23, Mark 5 / Family Chapter: Mark 5

Jesus can heal the sick and suffering. As a family, pray for healing for someone and that God might be glorified through it.

Questions:

1. How did Jesus heal the demon-possessed man?
2. What mission did Jesus give this healed man? What great thing has Jesus done for you and who in your neighborhood can you tell?
3. Who else was healed in this chapter? How? Do you think Jesus heals people today? Why or why not?
4. The most memorable parts of Jesus' day were the interruptions. How do you handle interruptions in your day? How might God want to use them?

## Let's Talk: Day 182

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: What did Jesus say we should do if we desire to follow Him? Mark 8

We covered a lot of Old Testament history this week that may be new to some families. Phil Vischer's "What's in the Bible?" DVD series does an amazing job of covering complex topics in a very child-friendly, entertaining way. DVD number six covers 1 and 2Kings and 1 and 2Chronicles. Rent or buy it and watch it together, as a review of the week.