

Let's Talk: Day 225-Whole Bible

Today's Reading: Nehemiah 10-11, John 2 / Family Chapter: John 2

Christians all over the world are trying to make a difference in Jesus' name. Visit the website www.winetowater.org/ourstory. These founders used today's story of Jesus' miracle as their inspiration.

Questions:

1. What was the first miracle that Jesus performed? Based on Mary's comment to the servants, do you think she expected Jesus to do a miracle even though she had never seen Him do one?
2. Why was Jesus angry with the merchants at the temple?
3. When Jesus said He would destroy the temple and in three days raise it up, what did He mean? Did the people understand? Why or why not?
4. What do you think Jesus meant when it said, "He didn't commit himself to man because He knew what was in man?"

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Today's Reading: Nehemiah 12-13, John 3/Family Chapter: John 3

John 3:16 is probably the most recognized verse in the Bible and is foundational to our faith. Practice saying it until every family member has memorized it. If you already have it memorized, try memorizing more of the chapter!

Questions:

1. How does the Bible define being "born again?"
2. Do you think Nicodemus followed Jesus after his conversation that night? Why or why not?
3. What would be some challenges Nicodemus would have to overcome to follow Jesus? Can you relate at all? If so, how?
4. John says, "He must increase but I must decrease." What does that mean? How can you apply that to your life?

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Today's Reading: Esther 1-3, John 4/ Family Chapter: John 4

After her meeting with Jesus, the Samaritan woman told many about her conversation with Him and they came to believe. What has Jesus said or done for you that you could tell others about? Practice giving your testimony to each other.

Questions:

1. The disciples would never think to talk to Samaritans but Jesus talked to a Samaritan woman. Who is someone you wouldn't normally feel comfortable starting a conversation with but with whom God might ask you to start a conversation?
2. What did Jesus offer the woman? What was her response?
3. Why wouldn't a prophet have honor in his own country?
4. Did Jesus go with the nobleman to heal his son? What do you think that taught the nobleman?

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Today's Reading: Esther 4-6, John 5/ Family Chapter: Esther 4

Follow Esther's example when you have something difficult you must face. As a family, fast (from sweets, electronics, or something else you choose as a family) for three days while you pray for God to bless you, like Esther did.

Questions:

1. How did Esther know something was wrong with Mordecai?
2. What did Mordecai want Esther to do and why was she afraid to do it?
3. What is something you might be afraid to do, but if you do it could benefit somebody?
4. Did Esther decide to see the king? How was she going to prepare herself? Who can you ask to pray for you before you do something scary?

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Today's Reading: Esther 7-8, John 6 / Family Chapter: Esther 8

If you could beg any authority to counteract evil, who would you ask and what would you ask him or her to do?

Questions:

1. Who received the king's ring which Haman had worn?
2. What did the king allow Mordecai and Esther to do to lessen the evil Haman had planned?
3. If you could create any law in your community what would it be?
4. The city of Shushan rejoiced and the Jewish people were glad. How might circumstances have been different if Esther had been too afraid to beg before the king for her people's safety? Do you think God could use you like He used Esther? Are you willing to take the risk?

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Today's Reading: Esther 9-Isaiah 1, John 7 / Family Chapter: Esther 9

Everyone describe what would be included in the Feast of Purim if your family celebrated it. What would be served at the feast? What presents would you give each other? What presents would you give the poor? For fun, pretend you have unlimited funds.

Questions:

1. Did the Jews win or lose on the day of the fight?
2. Why didn't they touch the plunder? Do you think that was a hard decision?
3. How did the Jews celebrate?
4. How was Mordecai a good leader in this chapter? What might a bad leader have done in his stead?

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Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF Day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: What is the name of the two-day celebration that Esther and Mordecai began? Esther 9

Mordecai and Esther created a holiday so that the Jewish people would forever remember how God delivered them. Have your own celebration (make it as elaborate as you want) to commemorate the ways God has helped your family. Mark it on your calendar and make it a yearly event.