

Let's Talk: Day 344-Whole Bible

Today's Reading: Joel 3-Amos 1, 2Peter 1-2 / Family Chapter: 2Peter 1

Draw a picture of a colorful tree with fruit. In the fruit write some of the things that faith produces.

Questions:

1. What attribute listed in verses 5-7 do you need God's help to add to your faith most? Why did you pick that one?
2. How can, not having the attributes in verses 5-7 make someone shortsighted? Do you know anyone like this? What does their life look like?
3. Have you ever been reminded of something that you know? How can that be a good thing? What is something true of God that is good to be reminded of?
4. What did Peter see with his own eyes? (see Matthew 17) How does he equate the reliability of scripture with his personal experience with Jesus?

Let's Talk: Day 345

Today's Reading: Amos 2-4, 2Peter 3-1John 1 / Family Chapter: 1John 1

John describes experiencing Jesus with three of his five senses. Which ones? Why do you think he didn't mention the other two senses?

Questions:

1. What is a key word to you in this chapter? Why?
2. Why did John write this letter? What about this first chapter could cause that emotion?
3. How does light and darkness relate to Jesus? Can you think of any other verses in the Bible that talk about this subject? (hint: gospel of John is one place)

4. How can we be cleansed from our sins? When is the last time you spent some time with God, living out verse nine? As appropriate, take a few minutes to silently pray to God regarding this subject.

Let's Talk: Day 346

Today's Reading: Amos 5-7, 1 John 2 / Family Chapter: 1 John 2

Take turns walking around blindfolded or with your eyes shut tight. Is it scary, confusing or painful? Why do you think John compares not following God to being blind or walking in darkness?

Questions:

1. How do we know that we know Him? What shouldn't we love? How could these two questions be related?
2. What are the three different spiritual age groups John mentions in this chapter? How is each one different?
3. Talk with your family about what spiritual age each of you think you are (you can be a teen physically while being a spiritual adult or you can be a baby spiritually even though you're a physical adult).
4. How can you take the next step of spiritual growth? How can you help each other grow?

Let's Talk: Day 347

Today's Reading: Amos 8-9, 1 John 3-4 / Family Chapter: 1 John 3

When Christ comes back, we will be like Him. Draw a self-portrait and label the things about you and how they will be like Jesus. How will your mind and heart be different? Is there something about your body that will be missing or changed? What will you see or hear?

Questions:

1. What do you think of when you read that you are a child of God?
2. Chapter one says that if you confess your sins you will be cleansed, but this chapter also says you can't sin if you are born of God. How can both of those statements be true?
3. How do we know love? Is it ever right to hate someone? How should we love people?

4. What should we do if our heart condemns us or we begin to doubt our salvation?

Let's Talk: Day 348

Today's Reading: Obadiah-Jonah 3, 1John 5-2John / Family Chapter: Jonah 1

Draw three pictures: one illustrating the beginning of the story, one of the middle and one of the end. Be creative and use speech bubbles!

Questions:

1. What instruction did God give Jonah? How did Jonah respond? (look at a map to illustrate the direction Jonah went)
2. Is it possible to run away from God? What did God cause to happen?
3. From this chapter do you have any indication that Jonah is sorry for running from God? Explain your thoughts.
4. Even though Jonah disobeyed God, how did God take care of Jonah? Is God's provision for us always pleasant? Why do you think that is?

Let's Talk: Day 349

Today's Reading: Jonah 4-Micah 1, 3John-Jude / Family Chapter: Jude

Jude compares godless people to clouds, trees, waves and stars. Can you think of anything else that would be a good metaphor of being purposeless, uncontrolled and doomed?

Questions:

1. Why was Jude writing this letter?
2. What crazy thing happened with the body of Moses?
3. What was Enoch's message (remember him from Genesis 5)? What do you think about the amazing consistency of the Bible to have Jude mention a little known character from the start of Genesis?
4. There are two ways to approach people according to verses 22 and 2 What are they and can you give an example of when each approach might be appropriate to use?

Let's Talk: Day 350

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: Michael, the angel, and the devil fought over whose body?

Challenge verse of the week:

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (Revelation 1:8)