

BRINGING THE STORY HOME

Week of December 10, 2017

Timeless Truth: God is faithful.

Bible Basis: 1 Kings 3:1-15, 4:29-30, 11:9-13; Proverbs 3:1-18; 2 Chronicles 9:1-8

The Story for Kids Weekly Reading:

Chapter 13 The King Who Had It All

Memory Verse: “Don’t be wise in your own eyes. Have respect for the LORD.” Proverbs 3:7



TABLE TALK

NOTE: These questions are designed to help prompt discussion among a wide range of ages. Please adapt them as they best fit YOUR family.

- **God appeared to Solomon in a dream and offered him anything he asked for. If you were Solomon, what would you ask for?**
- **Solomon asked for wisdom so he could be a good king. What do you think about Solomon’s choice? Why?**
- **Solomon’s wisdom is legendary. Many of his sayings can be found in the book of Proverbs. Read Proverbs 1:7 together as a family. What does this verse mean to you? Explain.**

EXTRA MILE

Read the Proverb that mirrors today’s date. (So if it’s the 10th, read Proverbs 10.) After you’re finished, have each family member discuss her favorite verse from what was just read. Encourage each person to memorize one verse from Proverbs. Try this for one day or do it all week!

BONUS ACTIVITY: This activity requires a 20-ounce plastic bottle, warm water, vinegar, and baking soda. It’s best to complete this activity outside or in a sink. As you watch the baking soda and vinegar react and fizz out of the bottle, think about what it would’ve been like to watch God’s presence come down and fill the temple. Start by putting about two tablespoons of baking soda in the bottom of the bottle. Quickly add ½ cup of vinegar and ¼ cup warm water. Step back and watch the bottle fill with foam that bursts out of the top. When Solomon prayed for the temple, God’s presence came down. Second Chronicles 7:2 says, “...the priests couldn’t enter the temple of the Lord. His glory filled it.” Can you imagine God’s tangible presence filling a building? It was so powerful that people who witnessed it, dropped to their knees and worshiped God. After discussing God’s powerful presence at his temple, get a plastic zipper bag to demonstrate that God’s glory can’t be contained. Be careful as the bag will explode and may create a mess. This time, put a couple of tablespoons of baking soda in a paper towel and fold it up. Pour ½ cup of vinegar and ¼ cup of water into the plastic zipper bag. Drop in the paper towel and quickly zip the bag closed. Give a quick shake to start the reaction, then put the plastic bag on the ground and step away. The bag should puff up and pop with a loud bang.

PRAYER TIME

Dear God, thank you for your faithfulness and your love that continues forever and ever. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.



The Story for Kids 3x Week Reading Plan

DAY 1

Reading: *A Really Smart Guy*, pg 91 – break on pg 95 (blue–pg 106 – end of Proverb on pg 110) (6 1/2 mins)

This reading covers: 1 Kings 3 and various Proverbs

Summary: King Solomon asks God to help him be wise.

Do together: Go around the table and take turns making a Wish Lit. Put on this list anything that you would like to have; a new bike, a vacation, a new car. Have fun! Be creative!

Think about: God told King Solomon he would give him anything he asked for. But Solomon didn't ask for a lot of money or to live a long time. Instead, Solomon asked God for wisdom so he could make good decisions. Wouldn't wisdom be good to have? Wouldn't it be great to make good decisions? How would you be different if you had wisdom and made good decisions?

Also read: Proverbs 3:13-14; James 1:5

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for giving me so many good things. But even more than these things, please give me wisdom so I can make good decisions. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

DAY 2

Reading: *God's House*, page 95 – break on pg 97 (blue- pg 110 – italics on pg 112) (3 1/2 mins)

This reading covers: 2 Chronicles 6-7

Summary: Solomon builds a house for God.

Do together: Use building blocks, Legos, or other materials to build a house. (Cereal boxes and cans work, too!)

Think about: Since God is everywhere, we know that God is too big to fit into a building. But God let King Solomon build a special place called a temple where God could be worshiped. This was a beautiful building made of the best materials in the world. But get this – the Bible says that YOU are the temple of God! You were made with the best material in the world. You are a special place for God to live.

Also read: 2 Chronicles 3; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Prayer: Dear God, how wonderfully you have made me. How special I must be. Help me to live to show the world that this temple is yours. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

DAY 3

Reading: *Falling Hard* –break on pg 97 - end (blue- italics on pg 112- end) (3 1/2 mins)

This reading covers: I Kings 10-11

Summary: Even a king can make bad choices.

Do together: Play the game called Concentration. Using a deck of playing cards, select two of each card (2 twos, 2 threes, 2 fours, etc.). You will end up with 26 cards. Start with just the twos through sevens. Shuffle those 12 cards (2 of each). Place the cards face down in three rows with four in each row. Take turns turning over only two cards. Look carefully at the cards. If they match, remove the cards. If not, turn them back over and let the next person take a turn. Do this until all cards are matched. For a more challenging game, start with more cards.

Think about: In the game you just played, you had to choose which cards to turn over. But these were not just random choices. By paying attention to the game, you could think about what cards to turn over and make a good choice. Life is all about choices. But we have to pay attention and be sure to make good choices. If we are not careful, we will make bad choices. What are some decisions you have to make every day? What would making a good choice look like? What would making a bad choice look like?

Read also: Joshua 24:15

Prayer: Dear God, help me to pay attention to what I'm thinking, saying, and doing so I can make good choices. Thank you for your wisdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.