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God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:
Bad Kings—Merciful God

Take Home Point:

Be humble before the Lord and receive his mercy.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Explain your craft, "A Humble Bug." (*Learn from King Rehoboam's mistake. Don't pretend to make yourself greater than God or act like you don't need him. Humble yourself before him, admit your need, and follow his ways!*)

Select questions and adapt for your family.

God Time at Home

FOR STARTERS: Say to your child, "In your lesson this week you performed a neat trick when you smashed a pop can. Take an empty aluminum can and show us how this works. How is this like pride?" (*When we try to raise ourselves higher than others, we fall. Trying to honor ourselves leaves us empty, but God can make us full when at the right time, he honors us.*) Let every family member give an example from their life of how God is more powerful than them and how they can trust him to accomplish more than their ability. To be humble is to depend more on God and less on our own abilities.

READ THE BIBLE: 2 Chronicles 12:9-16

KEY VERSE: 1 Peter 5:6, "*Be humbled by God's power so that when the right time comes he will honor you.*"

TALK ABOUT IT: What did Shishak, King of Egypt, do when he attacked Jerusalem? (*He took the treasures from the palace and the Lord's temple, including Solomon's gold shields.*) According to verse 12, why did God not completely destroy Rehoboam? (*Because he humbled himself.*) Why did Rehoboam do evil things? (*2 Chronicles 12:14. He was not serious about dedicating himself to serving the Lord.*) How do you think Rehoboam felt when he found out that Shishak took the things his father had made? (*Sad, angry, wanted to get even.*) What do you think caused Rehoboam to humble himself before God? (*Realized that Shishak defeated him and God is still bigger than anything.*)

According to the key verse, what does it say will happen if you humble yourself? (*God will honor you.*) When does this happen? (*At the right time.*)

PRAYER POWER: Thank God that he is bigger than us and can turn bad things into good things. Pray to give God our pride so we can receive his mercy. Acknowledge that we need God and ask him to reign in our hearts and give us the power to rely on him.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

FAMILY TIME OPTIONS: Have a family meeting and vote on one really big thing that you would like to see God do for your family. Attach a sign describing this prayer to the Humble Bug your child brought home. Pray throughout the week for this. This develops an attitude of humility and dependence before God.

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