



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:
Josiah and the Forgotten Book

Take Home Point:

Never forget...God speaks to you through his word.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: What was the name of the boy who became king when he was eight years old? (*Josiah.*)
What did Josiah discover when he had the temple cleaned out? (*God's word, the Bible.*)

Select questions and adapt for your family.

God Time at Home

FOR STARTERS: Count up how many hours each person watched TV last week. Then ask: "How many hours did we spend listening to God in his word?" Do we need to change our habits about TV watching or Bible reading time?

READ THE BIBLE: 2 Chronicles 34-35

KEY VERSES: 2 Timothy 3:15b-16a, "...the Holy Scriptures...have the power to give you wisdom so that you can be saved through faith in Christ Jesus. Every scripture passage is inspired by God."

TALK ABOUT IT: How did Josiah "clean up" Judah and Jerusalem? (*2 Chronicles 34:3-8. He destroyed the illegal places of worship, Asherah poles, and idols. He ground them into powder and scattered the powder over the tombs of those who had sacrificed them. He burned the bones of the priests on their own illegal altars. And, he sent people to repair the temple of the Lord.*) How was the book of the Law found? (*2 Chronicles 34:14. When the supervisors and workmen cleaning out the temple were given the donated money to help with the temple reconstruction, Hilkiah found the book hidden beneath some trash.*) What did Josiah do after he heard the book of the Law read to him? (*2 Chronicles 34:19-21. He tore his clothes to show how upset he was. Then he gave orders to go and ask the Lord about the words in the book. He wanted to know what would happen to his people because they had not kept the word of the Lord throughout the reign of the bad kings before him.*) What did the Lord say through the prophetess, Huldah? (*2 Chronicles 34:23-28. The Lord said he would bring disaster on the people because they abandoned him and worshiped other gods, but because Josiah humbled himself before God and cried for his people, God would listen to him. God would not bring this disaster during Josiah's lifetime.*) What did Josiah do after he received the message back from Huldah the prophetess? (*2 Chronicles 34:29-33. He read to the people of Judah and Jerusalem all the words in the book of the Law. Josiah made an agreement to follow the Lord and obey his commands with his whole heart and obey the words written in the book. Then Josiah made all the people promise to accept the agreement and they did.*)

Why do you think Josiah made his promise to the Lord in front of all the people? (*He wanted to be a good example and show the people he was taking the word of God seriously and wanted to be a good leader to his people.*) Why is it important to know that all Bible scriptures are inspired by God? (*God's word is the truth and his very words spoken to us. We can know for sure that Jesus really lived, died, and rose again and all of God's promises are true.*)

PRAYER POWER: Thank God that he cares enough about us to speak to us in his word. Thank him that his word gives us wisdom to lead godly lives in obedience to him. Ask the Holy Spirit to help us know Jesus more and more by reading the Bible.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

FAMILY TIME OPTIONS: Set a goal that every person in the family reads their Bible each day. Or set the goal for each person to have read his or her Bible before he or she watches TV. Record this on a calendar or sheet of paper placed in a visible location. How will this affect your family habits?

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