



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:
Jonah Runs from God

Take Home Point:
Don't run from God's purpose for you.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: What kind of dares were you challenged with today? *(Kids heard some trick dares about eating things like fish or worms. More importantly, they were dared to share their faith with others.)*

Select questions and adapt for your family.

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FOR STARTERS: Challenge the kids to a fun dare. See if they can stand on top of an aluminum can without it collapsing or tipping over. Once they achieve this, take a spoon in each hand and quickly but firmly tap the side of the can. It will implode. Was the challenge fearful or exciting? Why? Was it worth the challenge? God gives us another challenge: to share the good news of Jesus with others. How would this challenge be like the dare just attempted?

READ THE BIBLE: Jonah 1-2

KEY VERSE: Matthew 4:19. *"Come follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."* (NIV)

TALK ABOUT IT: What did God want Jonah to do and what was Jonah's response? *(Jonah 1:1-3. Preach to Nineveh. Jonah ran away.)* Why do you think Jonah ran from God's command? *(He was scared. He didn't think he could do what God wanted him to do.)* Why do you think God sent a fish to swallow Jonah and save him, instead of just letting Jonah wash up on the shore or letting him die? *(Accept answers. Maybe God wanted Jonah to spend time thinking about what he did, like a "time out." Maybe God wanted Jonah to turn to God completely.)*

What are some things God wants us to do that we might be afraid to do? Are these things optional? *(No, when God wants us to do something, it is a command! And you *don't run from God's purpose for you.)* What is God's purpose and greatest command for us? *(To share his love with others.)* When Jesus was on earth he said that if we follow him, he would make us "fishers of men". What does that mean? *(Bring others along with you to enjoy the kingdom of God.)*

PRAYER POWER: Have each family member mention the name of a person that needs to know God's love. Pray for the people mentioned and also for God's help to not be afraid to share his love with them.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

FAMILY TIME OPTIONS: It is one thing to invite friends to church, but quite a bit more to offer to pick them up and bring them. Guests feel much more at home when accompanied with a friend. As a family, think of whom you might *bring* to church rather than just inviting someone to attend on their own.

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