



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:
Jonah Preaches in Ninevah

Take Home Point:
Share God's love with your enemies.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: What's a "hurt wad?" I heard you were launching those around your group with a plastic spoon launcher? (*Hurt wads are examples of hurtful things others have done to me.*)

Select questions and adapt for your family.

God Time at Home

FOR STARTERS: Pour some lemon juice on a saucer. Have another saucer with a few teaspoons of sugar or sweetener. Let each family member dip a finger in the lemon juice and get a taste as they answer: "Tell about a person this week that did something that left a sour taste in your mouth. In other words, they did something that irritated you." After all shared, let each person dip a finger in the juice and then in the sugar. Now taste. The lemonade taste reminds us of how we turn something sour into sweet when we share God's love with that person.

READ THE BIBLE: Jonah 3-4

KEY VERSE: Matthew 5:44, "*But I tell you this: Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.*"

TALK ABOUT IT: What happened to Jonah after he had been in the fish for three days and three nights? (*Jonah 1:17, 2:10. The Lord spoke to the fish, and it spit Jonah out onto the shore.*) God told Jonah to go to Nineveh again and preach repentance to the sinful people, how did Jonah respond this time? (*Jonah 3:3. He obeyed and went to Nineveh, IMMEDIATELY.*) How did the people respond to Jonah's message? (*Jonah 3:5. They believed God.*) What did God do in response? (*Jonah 3:10. He had compassion on them and did not destroy them.*)

How do you think Jonah felt preaching to people who were his enemies? (*Scared, angry*) In Jonah 4:1 it says Jonah was still angry even though the Ninevites told God they were sorry. Why do you suppose Jonah was still mad? (*He wanted the Ninevites to get what they deserved. He did not want God to save them.*) How was Jonah's attitude different than God's attitude toward the Ninevites? (*Jonah wanted to get even. God forgave.*) How is this like the way we sometimes treat our enemies? (*We want revenge or to get even.*) How does God want us to treat our enemies even when they wrong us? (*He wants us to forgive them just as he forgives us when we sin against him.*) How should we treat our enemies? (*Love them. Pray for them.*)

PRAYER POWER: Thank God for sending Jesus as the ultimate example of love. Ask God to show us ways to love our enemies and especially ways for us to share our love for them, too.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

FAMILY TIME OPTIONS: Think of ways your family can do a better job of speaking well of people, even if they irritate you. Make a game that for a week if anyone speaks in a sour tone about another they then taste a drop of lemon juice. How can your family share God's love with such people instead?

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