



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:
Kings of Israel Turn Away from God

Take Home Point:
Caution! Don't turn away from God.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: What were some of the consequences to being a bad king in Israel? (*God warned them but they did not listen and were destroyed.*) How does God rescue us? (*He gives us salvation through Jesus Christ to those who believe.*)

Select questions and adapt for your family.

God Time at Home

FOR STARTERS: Show some type of warning sign on a product or label around the house. If your child brought home the craft project, use it. It is a warning sign. Say: "Think about warnings. Tell about a time you were warned not to do something and you did it anyway...but you wish you hadn't!"

READ THE BIBLE: 1 Kings 11

KEY VERSE: Hebrews 3:12, "See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God."

TALK ABOUT IT: What warning from God did King Solomon choose not to follow? (*1 Kings 11:1-2. God told Solomon not to intermarry with any foreign women because they would tempt him to follow other gods.*) What dangerous thing happened to him? (*1 Kings 11:4-7. In his old age, Solomon's wives tempted him to follow other gods. So Solomon did what the Lord considered evil. He did not wholeheartedly follow the Lord as his father David had done. Instead, he built idols.*) What was his consequence for not obeying God's command? (*1 Kings 11:9-11. God would tear Solomon's kingdom out of his hands and give it to his servant, Jeroboam.*) What mercy did God show Solomon because of his father, David? (*1 Kings 11:12-13. God would not tear the kingdom away from Solomon, but from Solomon's son. He would also let Solomon's son keep a small part of the kingdom where Jerusalem and the temple were located.*)

What warning from God did Jeroboam and all the kings of Israel (the Northern kingdom) not heed? (*This was learned in Kingdom Quest. They all disobeyed God and worshiped idols instead of the one true God.*) Why do you think the kings did not listen and obey God's warnings? What were their consequences? (*God brought judgment and destruction.*) What do you think God would have done if the kings had repented and went back to worshiping the only true God?

Read the key verse. What is the same warning God gave the kings of Israel and also gives to us? (*Do not turn away from God.*) What are things we can make as idols that become more important to us than God? What might be consequences for us if we did not heed God's warning and we turned away from him? What are some examples of warnings he might give us to turn us to him? (*We can read in his word of the ways we should live. God gives us parents and Christian teachers to give us warnings when needed.*)

PRAYER POWER: Thank God that he loves us so much he warns us when we are in spiritual danger. Thank him that he will always forgive us because of Jesus' death and resurrection. Even if we go astray, we can always come back to him.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

FAMILY TIME OPTIONS: One of the ways you can help people not turn away from God is to invite them to church. Let each person in your family think of one person whom they might invite. As a family, pray for these people, and then encourage one another to invite them.

"Discovery Digs" Lesson 2