



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

The Ark Is Captured and Returned

Take Home Point:

God leads us; pay attention to him!

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: How did the Israelites use the Ark of the Covenant as a good luck charm? *(They thought if they took the ark with them into battle with the Philistines, they would win. They did not consult God before they did this and consequently they lost.)*

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Play a game with a sheet of paper, several paper clips, and a refrigerator magnet. Hold the paper flat and drop a paper clip on it. Make the paper clip move around on the paper with the magnet underneath. Add more paper clips to make a train with the magnetized paper clip. How long a paper clip train can family members make? As you do this, ask, "Who are some of the best leaders at your school? Are you more of a leader or a follower? Who helps you make decisions? Is it easy or hard to follow God? Why?"

READ THE BIBLE: Use a Bible storybook to cover the events in 1 Samuel 4-7.

KEY VERSE: Psalm 31:3b, *"For the sake of your name, lead me and guide me."*

TALK ABOUT IT: What did the presence of the ark of God (or Ark of the Covenant) mean to the Israelites? *(1 Samuel 4:3. God's presence was with them.)* What happened when they used the ark as a good luck charm? What are things that people use as good luck charms? What are some false ideas that people follow? How should we follow God and let him be our leader?

Jesus showed us the way to God. He made a way by giving his life for us. When Jesus died on the cross, he paid the punishment for our sins. When he rose again, Jesus said that he is alive and will be with anyone who follows him. By his Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to us to show us how to follow God and not ourselves or false things in the world.

PRAYER POWER: Pray for God's guidance, especially in areas of concern for the family at this time. Pray to be *followers* of God's word and not *hearers* only.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

Go to a bookstore and have a "false treasure hunt." Let each family member search for a book that offers "secrets" to life but really is an example of following a false idea or even a false god. These books might be found in sections about astrology, reincarnation, witchcraft, or religions. Family members can gather at a meeting place and compare books or titles. Which books seem most unbelievable? Which are easiest to believe? Next, go on a search for true treasure books that might help us understand how God can lead us. The family might even treat itself to purchasing a book or CD that helps them pay attention to God and follow him.

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