



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

Israel Asks for a King

Take Home Point:

Follow God instead of following the crowd.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Tell me about the orange peel smiles you made today? (Orange peels were cut to look like teeth to make the kids look funny. It was to encourage kids to talk about following the crowd in making fun of others. At the end of the lesson, orange slices were used to remind kids that God smiles at them when they follow him.)

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Ask the kids to make their hair stand on end. When they can't, inflate a balloon and rub it against fabric. When the balloon is charged with static electricity, put it over your children's heads and watch their hair stand up on end. Now tell the kids to make their hair *not* stand up, even though you are holding the balloon over them. The only way they can do this is if they get away from you.

Sometimes people want us to go along with things that are wrong. Can you think of examples? This is like the electrical force of the balloon causing our hair to stand up. The force from the crowd might make us do things that are not pleasing to God. In a way, we look ridiculous like having our hair standing on end. But God wants us to follow him instead of the crowd of people who would want us to do wrong.

READ THE BIBLE: 1 Samuel 8-11 from a Bible storybook.

KEY VERSE: Psalm 118:8 (NIV), *"It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man."*

TALK ABOUT IT: The Israelites wanted a king to be their leader because all the other nations had kings. In a way, the people were rejecting God as their leader. Did God let the people have their way? (Yes.) Who did God choose to be the new king? (*Saul.*) What were the consequences of having a king? (*Some kings were very mean to their people. They took a lot of the people's money and forced them to go to war. Some kings even led their people away from God.*) What are some ways we are like the people of Israel who wanted to have a king just because all the other nations had a king?

PRAYER POWER: Pray that your family learns to trust in God more. Pray for more faith to believe God knows what is best. Finally, pray to better follow God than to follow the crowd.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

Experiment with a compass if you have one. See how it always points north. If you hold a magnet near the compass, it can pull the compass needle off course. This is like how listening to people who suggest the wrong things can pull us away from listening to God.

To make your own compass, use a flat Styrofoam dish from a meat package and float it in water in a plastic tub. Place a bar magnet on the dish. If there is no metal nearby, the floating bar magnet will point north. This activity provides a great time to discuss how God is always true and constant for us.

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