

FAMILY DEVOTIONALS #29-35

These are built to allow each family the opportunity to have a 5-15 minute devotional that includes Scripture, Questions, Activities, and Prayer. These are based off of the My First Bible that we use at Genesis Boyne. Please note that not all questions will be suitable for all ages, but do continue to challenge your kids with the tougher questions. When reading to children, please remember to use an easy to read version of the Bible such as the New Living Translation (NLT), God's Word Translation (GW), or the International Children's Bible (ICB). Each translation can be found at biblegateway.com or on the Bible app on your phone. Even with an easier translation, be prepared to simplify or explain some of the more difficult words that may come up.

Monday - Day 29

Recap:

Do you remember what happened in our story on Saturday? What happened?

Read:

Ruth 1:1-8, 1:16-19 (to the end of the first sentence in verse 19)

Questions:

What happened in today's story?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

What were the two reasons that Naomi left her home in the country of Moab?

Do you remember another story we read where there was a famine? (Joseph, Days 13 & 15)

Who decided to go with Naomi?

Where did Ruth and Naomi end up living?

The little town of Bethlehem might sound familiar to you. Do you know anyone else from the Bible who was born in Bethlehem?

Activity:

Tell your child that you're going somewhere (across the house, to the back yard, wherever).

Have your child be Ruth and say, "Wherever you go, I'll go!" Then give your child a piggy back ride to the destination and tell them, "We made it here together, just like Ruth and Naomi."

Prayer:

Each day, ask your children if they have anything they would like to pray for (aka prayer requests). If you have suggestions, place those in your prayer.

"Dear God, we know it's important to love the people in our families. Help our family follow you wherever you lead us. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

Tuesday - Day 30

Recap:

Do you remember what happened in our story yesterday? What happened?

Read:

Ruth 2:15-23, 4:13-17 (Depending on your translation and the age of your child, you might want to leave out the second sentence of verse 13.)

Questions:

What happened in today's story?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

What was Ruth doing as a job?

Who owned the field in which Ruth was working?

What ended up happening between Ruth and Boaz?

The women said that they hoped Ruth's children would become famous throughout Israel.

One of them did become famous, Ruth's great-grandson. Their son was named Obed. Their grandson was named Jessie. What was the name of Ruth's great-grandson at the end of the story?

Do you know any other Bible stories about David?

Activity:

Create a kindness chart for the week. Every time your child does something kind, place a heart on the chart. If your child surpasses a certain amount of hearts perhaps they get a reward. Give them hints on how to be kind and encourage them when they do kind things. At the end of the week, ask your child how they felt about being so kind over the course of the week. If they are competitive, or like the reward, ask them if they'd like to do it again next week and try to be even more kind!

Prayer:

Each day, ask your children if they have anything they would like to pray for (aka prayer requests). If you have suggestions, place those in your prayer.

"Dear God, help us to be kind, just as Boaz was to Ruth. We know that sometimes people can be mean, but even when they are mean, allow us to be kind back to them. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

Wednesday - Day 31

Recap:

Do you remember what happened in our story yesterday? What happened?

Read:

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 3:17-21

Questions:

What happened in today's story?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

Where was Samuel when he heard someone talking him?

When Samuel was in bed, who did Samuel think was talking to him?

Who was really talking to Samuel?

How many times did God call out to Samuel?

What did the story say Samuel became when he grew up?

Activity:

Select noise making items from around your house, such as a kitchen timer, a pen that clicks, or a container with a lid. Have your child close his or her eyes, listen closely, and try to identify each item from the sound it makes. Talk about how we need to listen closely to what God says.

Prayer:

Each day, ask your children if they have anything they would like to pray for (aka prayer requests). If you have suggestions, place those in your prayer.

"Dear God, help us to pay attention when you talk to us, just as Samuel listened when you called. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

Thursday - Day 32

Recap:

On Monday, we read the story about Ruth and Naomi coming to a little town to live. Do you remember what that little town was called? Tuesday we read the story about Ruth and Boaz. Do you remember who Ruth and Boaz's grandson was? What about who Ruth and Boaz's great-grandson was? Do you remember what happened in our story yesterday? What happened? Today we'll get to see the stories of Jessie, David, and Samuel all come together in a little town called Bethlehem.

Read:

1 Samuel 16:1, 16:4-13

Questions:

What happened in today's story?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

Where did God tell Samuel to go?

Why did God want Samuel to go to Bethlehem?

Jessie brought out the tallest and best looking of his sons, but what did God say about appearances?

What does God look at instead of appearances?

How many of Jesse's sons did he show to Samuel before he got to David?

What happened when David came to Samuel?

Activity:

Find two containers that you can't see through, a nice one (such as a jewelry box) and a beat up one (an old cardboard box). Place something nice they'd like to eat in the beat up box and something not nice they wouldn't want to eat in the nice box. Have your child guess which one contains the nice thing and they can have that as a snack. Remind them that God doesn't look who we are on outside, he looks at who are on the inside.

Prayer:

Each day, ask your children if they have anything they would like to pray for (aka prayer requests). If you have suggestions, place those in your prayer.

"Dear God, help us to remember that we can't judge things by their looks. Many things that look nice are not good for us and many things that might not be pretty are wonderful on the inside. Help us to be nice and good to everyone we meet. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

Friday - Day 33

Recap:

Do you remember what happened in our story yesterday? What happened?

Read:

1 Samuel 17:1-10, 17:32-40, 17:48-49

Questions:

What happened in today's story?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

What was the name of the giant?

What did Goliath say to the army of Israelites?

Who came out to fight Goliath?

Why did David think he could beat Goliath?

What did David choose to fight Goliath with?

How did David beat Goliath?

Activity:

Play out being David and Goliath. Give your child a non-harmful ball (foam, hollow plastic, piece of wadded up paper). Stomp out making yourself as big as possible and challenge your child to beat you. Have them say, "I will beat you because I have GOD on my side!" and throw the object at you, then fall down in defeat.

Prayer:

Each day, ask your children if they have anything they would like to pray for (aka prayer requests). If you have suggestions, place those in your prayer.

"Dear God, thank you for giving us courage. God, we know that you are so big you created everything in the whole world! So we know that, just like with David, there is nothing too big for you. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

Saturday - Day 34

Read 1:

Please begin with: Today we're going to look back at some of the promises God has made in the stories we've looked at.

Genesis 17:1-8

- What two things did God promise Abraham?
- What was the land that God promised Abrahams grandchildren called?

Read 2:

Exodus 1:6-7; Joshua 11:23

- God promised that Abraham's grandchildren would be many and that they would live in Canaan. Did God do what he promised?

Recap:

- Do you remember what happened in our story two days ago? What did God (through Samuel) promise David that David was going to become?

Read 3:

2 Samuel 5:1-5

- Did God do what he promised?

Read 4:

Please begin with: Now we'll see God give David another promise.

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 7:12-13

- What did David want to do for God?
- What is a house for God called today?
- Because David loved God so much, what did God promise David?
- God promised that one of David's great great great great grandson's would be a king forever!
- Do you know who David's great great great great grandson was? (Jesus)

Activity:

Remind your child of the promise you made them on Day 25. Continue to remind them of that promise but don't let them know much time has passed, only that you will fulfill your promise when the time has come. Explain to them that God always keeps his promises, sometimes we just have to wait for them until the right time.

Prayer:

Each day, ask your children if they have anything they would like to pray for (aka prayer requests). If you have suggestions, place those in your prayer.

"Dear God, thank you so much for keeping your promises. You kept your promises to Abraham, and to Moses, and to Joshua, and to David, and you still keep your promises to us today. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

Sunday - Day 35

Church:

Enjoy a day at church!

Questions:

What did you learn about in church today?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

What was your favorite story from this week?

Prayer:

Each day, ask your children if they have anything they would like to pray for (aka prayer requests). If you have suggestions, place those in your prayer.

"Dear God, thank you for this week. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."