

## **FAMILY DEVOTIONALS WEEK 6**

These are built to allow each family the opportunity to have a 5-15 minute devotional that includes Scripture, Questions, Activities, and Prayer. 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 36**

#### **Recap:**

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

#### **Read:**

*Please begin with: David loved God so much that he would write songs and poetry for God. The Bible calls these songs and poetry Psalms. Today we are going to read one of the Psalms that David wrote. In this Psalm, David calls God our shepherd. Do you know what a shepherd is? Listen to this Psalm and think of God loving us like a shepherd loves his sheep.*

Read Psalm 23

#### **Questions:**

Do you remember what a Psalm is?

Let's go back through the Psalm and look at the things that God does for us as our shepherd.

- God takes care of us (v2)
- God is with us when we are afraid (v4)
- God gives us strength when we're tired (v3)
- God protects us and comforts us (v5)
- God guides us on the right path (v3)
- God's love is with us our whole lives (v6)

Do you think David loved God? Why?

David wrote songs to God because he loved God so much. What is one way you can show your love to God?

#### **Activity:**

Have your child write their own poem to God. If they get ambitious they can make it into a song and sing it to everyone!

#### **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 that you are our shepherd and we are your sheep. You guide us and you protect us. Help us to stay on the path that you have for us. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

## **Tuesday - Day 37**

### **Recap:**

Do you remember what the poem and song we wrote yesterday was called? Who wrote the Psalm?

### **Read:**

*Please begin with: David was the king for many years. One day, when David became older, David made his son Solomon the new king of Israel.*

2 Chronicles 1:1, 1:7-13

### **Questions:**

What happened in today's story?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

What did God say he would give Solomon as a present?

What did Solomon ask for?

Why was God so happy with what Solomon asked for?

What did God end up giving Solomon?

### **Activity:**

God told Solomon that he would give Solomon anything he wanted. Ask your child to draw and color what they would ask for if God said he would give them anything they wanted. Then, after they are finished, have them tell you about all the things they drew. Conclude with the prayer below which will help them to remember to be thankful for what they have.

### **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 thankful for all the things you have given us. You are so good to us every single day. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

## **Wednesday - Day 38**

### **Recap:**

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

### **Read:**

1 Kings 17:1-9

### **Questions:**

What happened in today's story?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

Where did God tell Elijah to go?

Why did God tell Elijah to go to the Kerith brook?

What brought Elijah food to eat?

If God told birds to bring you food, what food would you have them bring to you?

Where did God tell Elijah to go after the Kerith brook dried up?

### **Activity:**

At a meal today, have your child (you can too if you want) pretend to be a bird and bring the plates, napkins, and/or silverware (depending on the break-ability of said items) to the table.

### **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 amazing animals that you created. We love to see all the animals that you have made and we know that you love them too. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

## **Thursday - Day 39**

### **Recap:**

Do you remember what happened in our story yesterday? What happened? Do you remember why there was no food? Where did God tell Elijah to go at the end of the story?

### **Read:**

1 Kings 17:8-16

### **Questions:**

What happened in today's story?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

What two things did Elijah ask the widow for?

Why didn't the widow want to give Elijah bread to eat?

How did God bless the widow and her son for being kind to Elijah?

How long did God bless Elijah, the widow, and her son with flour and oil?

### **Activity:**

Elijah asked the widow to help him get food. Then, when the widow helped Elijah get food, Elijah was also able to help the widow get food! Today, have your child tell you how other people in your family have helped them. Then have your child choose someone (or multiple someones) in your family to help as a thank you. Together, decide on a good way to help that family member and then check with your child to make sure they did their helpful deed. Ask how it made them feel to be helpful to someone they love.

### **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 always want to help others, whether they have been helpful to us or not. We know you love and help everyone and so we should love and help everyone too. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

## **Friday - Day 40**

### **Recap:**

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

### **Read:**

1 Kings 18:1, 18:20-26, 18:29-38

### **Questions:**

What happened in today's story?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal to a test. What was the test?

What happened when the prophets of Baal asked Baal to light their fire?

How many jars of water did Elijah pour over the offerings and the wood? (4 jars, 3 times = 12)

What happened when Elijah asked God to light his fire?

How did the people respond when they saw God light Elijah's fire?

### **Activity:**

Get an absorbent paper such as a paper napkin, a paper towel, or toilet paper. Get a bowl of water and have your child dunk the absorbent paper object all the way into the water 12 times. Do not ring the paper out. Then you, the adult, use a lighter to attempt to light it on fire. It may char a little bit but it shouldn't light on fire unless you work at it for quite some time and the water disappears (or maybe if you use a blowtorch instead of a small lighter)(do NOT use a blowtorch). Explain to your child that Elijah dunked his offerings and wood in water 12 times to show how powerful God is because with God all things are possible!

### **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 showing us how powerful you are. We pray that we can always remember that when things in our life seem hard, you are with us and there is nothing too big or too hard for you to do. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

## **Saturday - Day 41**

### **Recap:**

Do you remember what happened in our story yesterday? What happened? What other things happened to Elijah over the past couple of days? Do you remember what the problem was in Israel that there was no food or water was called? Well today we'll see an end to the drought!

### **Read:**

1 Kings 18:41-46

### **Questions:**

What happened in today's story?

Do you have any questions about today's story?

What did God tell Elijah was getting ready to come?

What did God tell Elijah to go out and look for?

How many times did Elijah have to go look for the cloud?

What super power did God give Elijah to get him to Jezerel?

### **Activity:**

God gave Elijah the power of super speed. He was able to run faster than even horses can run! Ask your child if they could have a super hero power, what super hero power would they like to have? Have your child act out having that super power and give them a cool super hero name. Remind them of some of the fun super powered things in the Bible that people God helped people do: Moses controlled water, Elijah got super speed, Samson had super strength, Jesus walked through walls, walked on water, controlled the weather, and flew (Acts 1:9), etc.

### **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, you are amazing! Thank you for all of the cool stories that you give us in the Bible. Help us to always remember that you gave us the Bible to help us know you better. Today, we want to pray for insert prayer requests. God, thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."

## **Sunday - Day 42**

### **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."