

Family Discussion Guide

Watch Episode 1, then read 1 Samuel 3:1-10 and ask:

1. Who did Samuel think was calling him? (*Eli*)
2. How many times did it take for God to get through to Samuel? (*3*)
3. How did Samuel respond to God? (*"Your servant is listening"*)
4. How is Samuel's conversation with God like prayer for us today? (*He spoke with God*)
5. How is Samuel's conversation with God not like prayer for us today? (*We can't hear God's actual voice*)
6. What are some ways that God might show us that He is really listening to our prayers?
7. How can prayer help you when you feel alone? (*Comfort you knowing that God is there*)
8. How did God answer Zack's prayer? (*He felt better, then his old friend called him*)

Watch Episode 2, then read 2 Timothy 1:2-5; 3:14-17 and ask:

1. Where did Timothy first learn about faith in Jesus? (*mother and grandmother*)
2. Where do you learn about faith in Jesus? (*from home, church, and maybe school*)
3. Is there someone close to you who has demonstrated a strong faith in Jesus?
4. Timothy could trust Paul, his mom, and his grandmother who taught him. Who can you trust? (*parents, pastors, family*)
5. Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17, then list out the benefits of reading the Bible? (*know about salvation through Jesus, know what's good and true, discover things we are doing that are wrong, and prepare us for the good things God plans for us to do*)
6. Do you think there is anything in the Bible that will help Zack with his Egypt test? (*some of Egypt's history is recorded in the book of Exodus in the Bible*)
7. Do you think there is anything in the Bible that will help you in your daily struggles?
8. What makes it hard for you to read your Bible?

Watch Episode 3, then read Luke 15:11-24 and ask:

1. How did the younger son dishonor his dad? (*asked for his inheritance before his dad died*)
2. What did the younger son want to do instead of staying at home and listening to his father? (*wild living*)
3. Did the younger son get what he wanted? (*yes for a while, but then the money ran out*)
4. What were some of the consequences the son faced after the money was gone? (*no friends, no job, no home, no food*)
5. What did the son find out about his dad? (*His dad loves him no matter what, and his dad only wants what's best for him*)
6. How was Zack's experience like that of the Bible story of the Prodigal Son? (*he left home, got in trouble with flat tire, and was forgiven by his dad*)
7. How do your parents show you that they love you?
8. How do your parent's rules show that they love you?

Watch Episode 4, then read Daniel 1:1-20 and ask:

1. When King Nebuchadnezzar conquered Jerusalem, what city were Daniel and his friends taken to? (*Babylon*)
2. Why did Daniel have problems eating the food the Babylonians served him? (*Jews had strict dietary rules. Pork, reptiles, rodents, and shellfish were forbidden!*)
3. How might the other students have treated Daniel and his friends? (*maybe teased them*)
4. Have you ever decided not to follow the crowd? How were you treated?
5. How important do you think it was for Daniel to have his three friends with him during this time? (*very important since they supported his convictions*)
6. Have you ever had a friend or two stand by you and help you do the right thing?
7. How were Daniel and his friends blessed in Babylon for honoring God? (*God gave them an ability to learn quickly and they became the King's wisest advisors*)
8. What do you think Zack will end up doing after he gets out of his back pack? (*go graffiti the school or meet up with the prayer group?*)

Watch Episode 5, then read Mark 10:13-16 and ask:

1. Why did the parents bring their children to Jesus? (*to bless them*)
2. Why do you think your parents bring you to church? (*to learn, make friends, and have fun*)
3. What did Jesus' disciples do that made him angry? (*yelled at the parents to keep their kids from bothering Jesus*)
4. What did Jesus tell the adults about the children who were with him? (*don't stop them and, as a matter of fact, adults should have a pure faith like the children*)
5. How would you have acted if you were one of the children that got to be blessed that day?
6. If Jesus showed up today at the local mall, would you stand in line to meet Him? Why?
7. Even though you can't see Jesus today, do you think you can still spend time with him? How? (*praying and reading your Bible*)
8. How do you think Zack will do on his worship team audition?

Watch Episode 6, then read Acts 23:12-32 and ask:

1. What did the bad men say they would not do until they killed Paul? (*they made an oath not to eat or drink anything until Paul was dead*)
2. What was the bad men's plan to kill Paul? (*ambush him as he was being transferred from jail to high council*)
3. What did Paul's nephew do once he discovered the plot to kill his uncle? (*went to Uncle Paul, then told the Romans Commander*)
4. Have you ever done something brave? What was it?
5. How did the Romans get Paul to safety? (*snuck him to a different city during the night*)
6. How do you think Paul's young nephew felt after saving his uncle's life?
7. What are some good things that you think God might have you do while you are a kid? How about as an adult?
8. How did Zack's attitude change since moving to Muddville? What do you think was the main reason for this change? (*deciding to live out his faith*)

