



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

Joshua is tricked by strangers

Take Home Point:

Talk to God, even about little things.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: In large group, Gordy the puppet was all tangled in yo-yo string. What happened to him and why? *(He did not check with God about even this small thing and did not share with Jimmy. Jimmy got frustrated that Gordy wouldn't let him play, and wrapped him up with the yo-yo.)*

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Have family members share one small challenge they faced today. After all have shared an event, ask who remembered to pray about it as it happened. Why or why not?

READ THE BIBLE: Read how Joshua is tricked by strangers from Joshua 9:3-27.

KEY VERSE: Philippians 4:6b: *"But in every situation let God know what you need in prayers and requests while giving thanks."*

TALK ABOUT IT: What had God told Joshua to do with the people of the land when the Israelites moved in? *(Joshua 9:24. Drive them out and destroy them.)* Why do you think God told him to do this? *(Because they worshiped false gods and would lead the Israelites to worship false gods.)* How did the strangers from Gibeon disguise themselves? Why? *(Joshua 9:3-5. They put worn-out sacks on their donkeys, used old wineskins that were split and patched, and wore old sandals and tattered clothes. They wanted to trick the Israelites into thinking that they had come from a long way away.)* What did Joshua fail to do in making his decision? *(Joshua 9:14-15. He didn't ask the Lord's guidance.)* What do you think the Israelites learned from this event? *(They learned how important it was to ask God for his guidance even in the things that seem so simple.)*

Talk with the family about how to hear advice from God. Point out that God's main way of giving advice is through the Bible. When we trust in Jesus we also have the Holy Spirit to help us with the decisions we need to make in our lives. He wants us to talk to him about everyday situations so he can lead us.

PRAYER POWER: Have family members think of as many everyday events and decisions as they can and ask God for his leading in making those decisions.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

Look at the family calendar for the month. Make a list of the simple events happening in the next week or so. Pass the list around letting each person pray for several things on the list. Remember to talk to God, even about little things.

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