



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

Jesus—The Word

Take Home Point:

Jesus is the Word of God that helps us grow.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: How did Gordy the puppet try to bear good fruit? (*He had a piece of fruit taped to his head.*) How can we bear fruit in our lives? (*By being like good soil and letting Jesus, the Word, grow in us.*)

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Find a snack that is primarily seeds, such as sunflower seeds, peanuts, or even popcorn. Place a bowl of these snacks on the Bible. Offer this to all. Say: "Jesus tells us a parable in which the Word of God is like seed planted in our lives. Everyone tell their favorite Bible story or Bible verse." After discussion, ask everyone to think about how knowing God's Word in your heart helps you grow closer to Jesus and do things that help others meet Jesus.

READ THE BIBLE: Read the parable of the seed and the sower as found in Mark 4:1-20.

KEY VERSES: Matthew 13:23b, "*But the seed planted on good ground is the person who hears and understands the word.*"

Colossians 3:16a, "*Let Christ's word with all its wisdom and richness live in you.*"

TALK ABOUT IT: What are the four different things that happened to the seeds? (*Mark 4:4-7*) What does each of the different types of soil represent? *The seed that fell along the road. (*Mark 4:15. People who hear the word but Satan comes at once and takes away the word that was planted in them.*) *The seed that fell on the rocky ground. (*Mark 4:16-17. People that hear the word and accept it at once with joy, but they don't develop any roots. When suffering comes along, they fall from faith.*) *The seed choked by thorns. (*Mark 4:18-19. People that hear the word, but the worries of life and the desires for other things take over.*) *The seed that fell on good soil. (*Mark 4:20. People hear God's word, accept it, and produce fruit.*)

Do you think the disciples understood the parable without Jesus explaining it? (*Mark 4:13. Jesus needed to help them understand, too!*) Talk about ways your family can be like the seeds that fell on good soil.

PRAYER POWER: Have kids pray for ways they can be good soil, receive God's Word, and produce much fruit.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

Take some lima beans or other type of beans and plant them in a cup of soil. Place on a windowsill and have family members guess how many seeds it will produce. When the beans are ripe and ready to be counted, gather the family to count at least as many ways that God is using your family to produce fruit in his kingdom.

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