



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

The sun and the moon stand still

Take Home Point:

God listens to us and does mighty deeds.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Have your child show you the craft he/she made and ask why the sun is made with hand cutouts. (*In the Bible event, God's hand stopped the sun. For a whole day, it did not move in the sky.*)

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Invite every family member to discuss: 1) "A special challenge I am facing this week is..." and 2) "This is what I think God might want me to do in meeting that challenge..." Have kids show the craft they made in Kingdom Quest. It reminds us that God listens to us and does mighty deeds.

READ THE BIBLE: Read in Joshua 10 how God made the sun and the moon stand still.

KEY VERSE: Zephaniah 3:17a (NIV): *"The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save."*

TALK ABOUT IT: God told the Israelites to completely destroy the cities of Canaan. Why did he tell the Israelites to do this? (*The Canaanites were God's enemies, and God did not want them to cause his people to follow their Canaanite false gods.*) In the battle with the five Canaanite kings and their armies, what did the Israelites need to have happen so they could have complete victory? (*Joshua 10:12. More daylight to chase away the other army.*) What did God do to give them complete victory? (*Joshua 10:13. God caused the sun and moon to stand still in the sky to give them more time.*) Why did God do this? (*Joshua 10:14. The prayers of Joshua and the Israelites.*)

How do you think the people felt when they saw God stop the sun and the moon and give them more daylight? What do you think the bad kings and enemies of Israel thought when they heard about this mighty miracle?

Today, our battles are different. We can have spiritual battles in which we struggle against sin or selfishness. An example of a battle might be when a parent asks us to do something, and we don't want to. Maybe we struggle to get along with a sister or brother. When we have these battles it is important to remember God listens to us and does mighty deeds. We need to tell him about them and ask that he would help.

PRAYER POWER: Ask God for victory and expect that he will rescue us. Certainly if he can stop the sun, he can come into our lives and give us the victory. The victory is always ours through Jesus Christ.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

Write down the special challenges that family members are facing this week. Let family members take the assignment of praying for another person's special challenge throughout the week. When the week is over, bring out the list and discuss it during a family meal.

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