



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

Get a Giving Heart

Take Home Point:

Jesus gave up his life so we can get a giving heart.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Ask your child why they were to bring their favorite toy to Kingdom Quest today. (*Kids were asked to give up their special possession (not for real) to experience what it might feel like to truly sacrifice.*) How did it make you feel to think about giving away something so dear to you?

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Begin with two plastic grocery bags and small sections of scrap paper. Ask everyone to write on the paper some acts of kindness they would do for a friend. Read some of the samples and place them in a bag. Label the second bag: "People who have hurt us." Write some of the mean things that a person has done to you and what would be good punishment for them. Place these papers in that bag. Ask if anyone wants to talk about what they wrote.

Did Jesus ever get even with us because of what we have done against him? No. Even on the cross he said, "Father, forgive them." He traded his "get evens" with an act of kindness for us. He took our punishment on himself.

Empty the bag labeled "People who have hurt us" of all the "get evens." Put them into the trash. Then pour the other bag's acts of kindness into it. Can we trade our "get evens" with acts of kindness?

READ THE BIBLE: Read in Mark 12:41-44 how Jesus noticed the widow who gave all she had.

KEY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 9:7b, *"God loves a cheerful giver."*

TALK ABOUT IT: Jesus was watching people put in their offerings. He didn't say anything about the rich people putting in lots of money. But he did say something about the poor widow. How much did she give? (*Mark 12:42. Two small coins worth less than a cent.*) What did he say about the size of that gift? (*Mark 12:43-44. The widow had given more than anyone because she gave all she had to live on.*) Why do you think she gave so much? How much do you give back to the Lord? Why do you give your offerings?

PRAYER POWER: Let each person thank God for blessings God has provided. As well, pray for a heart that gives back to God and shares with others.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

Challenge each family member to find someone at school, at work, or in the neighborhood who seems to not have very many friends or needs a special type of encouragement. They could give a toy or gift to this person and simply say, "God wanted me to give this to you just to cheer you and to let you know that you are very special to him."

Encourage everyone to really pray for this special friend. Ask God if there might be anything else he would want you to do for this friend.

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