

smallTalk

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week one



Play Time

Use the 'Clue Finder' print offs that are included to enjoy some family time together!

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BASIC TRUTH:

God is always calling out to us.

MEMORY VERSE:

I am the way, the truth and the life. *John 14:6*

KEY QUESTION:

Why was Samuel called a prophet?

BOTTOM LINE:

God's will for us is to know Him in a personal way.

Bible Story

One night, when Samuel was a boy, he heard a voice calling. He thought it was the old priest Eli, but Eli said, "I didn't call you; go back and lie down." Samuel heard the call again, but Eli still said it wasn't him. When Samuel heard it for the third time, Eli said, "It must be God. Go back and listen." So Samuel went back, and God spoke. But Samuel didn't want to tell Eli what God had said, because God was very unhappy with Eli's sons. "Do not hide God's words from me," said Eli. And so Samuel told Eli, and Eli listened. From then on Samuel always said what God told him to say. Samuel continued to serve God. All of Israel knew that Samuel was a man they could trust to speak God's words. Even when they went through hard times, Samuel reminded them of God's words. People all over Israel respected Samuel. And for a while, Israel lived in peace. Samuel helped them to remember to listen to God. When Samuel grew old, the people of Israel said they wanted a king. Samuel felt bad and told God of this, and God said, "They aren't rejecting you, Samuel. They are rejecting Me." For until then, God had been their king.

The LORD helped him!

Hannah's faith in God paid off - Samuel grew up to become a famous prophet of the LORD. Although it may have been difficult for Hannah to give her son up, she demonstrated great trust that God would take care of Samuel.

Perhaps you are a parent who is anxious about your child. It is important to remember that even though a child often ignores a parent's concerns, we still need to ask God to take care of our children. When we are unable to get through to our children, God has ways of communicating with them. God wants to help all of us. We simply need to ask.

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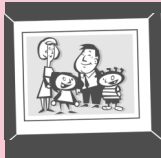
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Family Time

Draw a picture of you and your best friend.

Make and decorate cookie men. Have one for a snack and give one to a friend. Here is a recipe for sugar cookies:

- 3/4 cup butter
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp cream of tartar
- 1/4 tsp salt

Cream butter and sugar together. Add egg and vanilla. Mix dry ingredients together and then stir into batter. Roll out 1/8" thick. Cut into men with a cookie cutter. Bake on greased sheet at 350 F for 10 minutes.

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MEMORY VERSE:

A friend loves at all times.
Prov. 17:17

BASIC TRUTH:

Our actions are to
be a reflection of
God's love.

KEY QUESTION:

Why do you think king
Saul was jealous of
David?

BOTTOM LINE:

Is God speaking to you this
week about how you treat your
friends, your brothers or sisters
or your parents?

Bible Story

David was the youngest in a large family. He looked after the sheep while his brothers fought in the Israelite army. David liked being a shepherd though. It meant that while watching the sheep he could think about God and play his harp out in the open fields and make up beautiful psalms to sing. One day however, the prophet Samuel came to his house and told David that he was to be the next king over Israel. Saul, who was the present king, was not being faithful to God and would soon be removed from the throne. This surprised David because Saul had a son named Jonathan who should have been the next king. David and Jonathan were good friends. When Jonathan knew that God had anointed David to be the next king he didn't get angry and jealous. He was happy for David. However, Saul was very angry and tried to kill David by throwing his spear at him. He told Jonathan and all his servants that they should kill David. Jonathan warned David that his father wanted to kill him so he could escape, then he tried to reason with his father and speak well of David to him. For a time Saul listened to his son but his jealousy wouldn't let him be like that for long and once again he tried to kill David with his spear. David knew he would have to leave. He talked to Jonathan about it and Jonathan said he would do whatever he could to help him. They decided David would hide while Jonathan went back to attend a feast that David had been invited to as well. When Saul saw that David was not there, he asked Jonathan where he was. Jonathan told Saul that he had given him permission not to attend. This made Saul furious and he told Jonathan that as long as David was alive he would never be king. Saul commanded him to bring David to him. When Jonathan refused, Saul threw his spear at him! Jonathan went back to David and told him he had better go away. They knew they might never see one another again and were very sad. And a little later Jonathan was killed in battle. But David did not forget his promise of friendship with Jonathan and when he became king he looked after Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son.

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Cuddle Time

After reading the story of King David talk to your kids about the difference that it makes in your life. Ask them how it makes a difference to them?

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BASIC TRUTH:
God's promises are
true and forever.

MEMORY VERSE:
I will live to praise you.
Psalms 71:14

KEY QUESTION:
God made a promise
to David. When David
disobeyed, what did
God do?

BOTTOM LINE:
Now that you know the
story of King David, what
difference does it make
in your life?

Bible Story

Stories and songs about David's bravery traveled across the land. Soon King Saul became very jealous of him. He even tried to kill David, but God protected David. When Saul died, David became the new king of Israel. David led the Israelites through many victorious battles against their enemies. Before long, David conquered Jerusalem and it was called the City of David. He built a palace there. Everyone loved King David! The Israelites rejoiced when David and his men brought the Ark of God into the City of David. And King David danced on the streets, praising God! With all their enemies defeated, Israel enjoyed a time of peace. David loved God, and his greatest wish was to build a temple for God. But David didn't always obey God. So finally God told David that David's son would be the one to build God's temple. David wrote many beautiful songs to God. Most were to praise God, but some were to say he was sorry. David loved to worship God with his songs.

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Play Time

Use the wheel that is included in your take home bag to engage your child in what they've been learning at RCK.

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BASIC TRUTH:

God wants to lead us
and guide us by
His Spirit.

MEMORY VERSE:

He makes me lie down in
green pastures, He leads me
beside still waters.

Psalms 23:2

KEY QUESTION:

We sometimes make good
and bad choices. Tell me about
a good choice you've made
and a bad choice. What were
the consequences of both
choices?

BOTTOM LINE:

How will you live differently
because of what you've
learned in the book of
2 Samuel?

Bible Story

Look through the book of Samuel together
and talk about the stories that stood out to
you!

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