

Family Worship Guide Week 17

Exodus 16-21, Psalm 14

Day One: Exodus 16

- ❖ The Lord provides. Exodus sixteen is one of the greatest passages that display this. When all hope seems lost, we can always trust in the Lord to provide for our needs. He is always aware and he always cares. The Israelites were so down that they wished to go back to Egypt. It was then that God stepped in and provided them with quail and manna. The Bible doesn't tell us that God gives us everything we want. It does promise though that the Lord will provide what we need. Every person needs to learn the difference in wants and needs, and understand the graciousness of God.
- ❖ **Bottom Line:** The Lord provides for our needs.
- ❖ **Questions:** Why do you think the people wanted to go back to Egypt? How would you have felt if you were an Israelite and saw all the food God provided? How had God provided for your needs in your life?

Day Two: Exodus 17

- ❖ Right after provided food to the Israelites, the Israelites were questioning God once again. This time it was water they longed for. God provided once again for the people, but the lesson is slightly different here. Point out to your children here to not doubt the Lord. We have all had our moments like the Israelites. God has provided time after time and yet we continue to doubt him. Each time we do that, we look as silly as the Israelites did here. God provides, and we have no reason to doubt God. Place your trust in him, and always know that He will take care of you.
- ❖ **Bottom Line:** Always trust in God
- ❖ **Questions:** Why did the people continue to doubt God? How have you doubted God like they did? How can we keep from doubting God.

Day Three: Exodus 18

- ❖ God has never intended that we live this life alone. Even the godliest people need help on occasion. Moses was no different. He was literally working himself to death by acting as a judge for all of the Israelites problems. It was Moses' father in law, Jethro, who came to his aid. The advice Jethro gave was much needed, and Moses listened to him immediately. We never like to think of ourselves as being wrong, but it happens more than we like to think. Never be afraid to admit that we need help and listen to Godly advice from Godly men.
- ❖ **Bottom Line:** Listen to Godly advice.
- ❖ **Questions:** Have you ever need advice on a situation? Who gave it and how did it help? How can we tell the difference between Godly and worldly advice?

Day Four: Exodus 19-21

- ❖ The entirety of God's Law can be summarized in this" Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself." Notice how God revealed the 10 commandments to Moses in this fashion. The first laws deal with our love for God. This is primary. Our love for the Lord comes before any relationship we have on this earth. A proper love for God then translates into loving people. We can not love people if we do not love God, and we do not love God if we do not love people.
- ❖ **Bottom Line:** Love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself?
- ❖ **Questions:** Do you need to work on loving God, loving people, or both? How can God help to love God and love people?

Day Five: Psalm 14

- ❖ Paul would go on to quote parts of Psalm 14 in his letter to the Romans. This Psalm illustrates the human condition and our absolute need for a savior. On our own, none of us do good. No one on their own decide to work to the glory of God. We are in desperate need for a Savior. The beauty of this Psalm isn't in the desperation that was found in those times, but in the resolution we have in Jesus. Even when we can't do good, Jesus is good. He lived a perfect life so we would not have to. Not only that, but he paid our debt so that we could experience the joy of God.
- ❖ **Bottom Line:** Rejoice. Rejoice in God's salvation.
- ❖ **Questions:** Take this opportunity to share the gospel with your children. If you have children who haven't accepted Christ yet, talk to them about what it means to be a sinner, what Jesus did on the cross, and take time to pray with them. Don't force them into decisions, but make your home an open place to seek the Lord and his salvation.

Pray

- ❖ Pray for our church as we search for a new music minister. Pray that God would lead us to the right man. Pray for the church as week seek to grow spiritually over this next year, and as we seek to reach the lost world. Finally, pray for our brothers and sisters across the state who have been devastated by the tornados.

Memorize

Psalm 14:7 "Oh that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad."

