

God Builds a Kingdom

October 13, 2013

Week 2



Big Idea: God will accomplish his plan and will in this world, but he often does it in ways we would not expect and through surprising people.

Key Verse: Genesis 17:7

I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

Gather your family outside or in the living room. For this activity you'll need something to mark boundaries and items to set up an obstacle course. You can use pillows, empty 2-liter plastic bottles, stuffed animals, baseball bats, etc. Break family members into pairs. If there's an odd number, have one person rotate in. Explain that one member from each team will stand on one side of the obstacle course wearing a bandana so he can't see anything. The other team members will stand on the other side and call out verbal directions to guide their partner. Only verbal directions, such as "Two small steps forward," "One step left," or "Lift your foot really high and take a big step" are allowed. All teams go through the obstacle course at the same time, so it can sound pretty chaotic. If the blindfolded person steps on an obstacle, knocks one down (you can lean two bats together to create a teepee), or goes outside the boundary, then he has to be guided back to the beginning and start again. Take turns being blindfolded and giving directions, and always rearrange the obstacle course once a person has made it through.

When you decide to stop playing, ask these questions:

What was the hardest part about being blindfolded? (Couldn't see; hard to hear directions from teammate because of all the noise.) Explain that the blindfolded person had to totally trust the directions to stay safe and make it to the destination.

Do you think Abraham may have felt the same way when God called him to go to Canaan?

Is it harder to obey when you can see the destination or when you're walking blind? What was the hardest part of giving directions? (Had to shout; had to put yourself in other person's shoes to guide left or right.)

How does faith help you trust God in your life, even when you can't see the next step?

Does God ever mess up in the directions he gives us? Because we can always trust God, what should we do when we hear his leading?

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