

Daily Discussion Guide - "Everyone Gets to Play"

Memory Verse:

"Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" Mark 1:14-15

Over the next week take time to read the following scriptures with your kids:

Verse: Matthew 21:14-17

Summary: These verses talk about how Jesus went into the temple. He was praying for and healing the sick. He was praying for people who had fevers. He was praying for those who couldn't walk anymore. What we notice in these verses is the kids in the background as Jesus was "Doing the Stuff". As Jesus was caring for people. These kids were seeing everything that Jesus was doing. They even started to worship him. Now, this made the religious people very mad. They didn't like what the kids were doing. So, Jesus, just had to remind the religious people the value he had place on them by saying, "From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise?"

Point: <u>Jesus places an extremely high value on children</u>. "From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise." Check out and study Psalm 8:2.

Verse: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Summary: This is the story of Samuel. When Samuel was about the age of 5. Heard the Lord for the first time. In this story, three times God calls for Samuel. Three times Samuel doesn't quite recognize that it is God that is saying his name in the middle of the night. Then finally, Eli, who was the priest called to care for this young boy Samuel told Samuel to go back and when he hears that voice again to respond and say, "Yes Lord, for your servant is listening."

Point: <u>Listen to when your kids hear from the Lord</u>. Sometimes even before kids have said yes to Jesus in their hearts, they still hear from the Lord. Check out and study 1 Samuel 3:1 and 7-10

Verse: Jeremiah: 1:6-12

Summary: In these verses, God is clearly speaking to the prophet Jeremiah. God is telling Jeremiah to go say somethings to the people. Jeremiah says to God, "I am only a child, I don't know how to speak to people." But God had another plan for the child Jeremiah. He said, you must go and say whatever it is I want you to say. Do whatever it is I want you to do. Then God reach down and touch the mouth of Jeremiah, gave him the words to say and took away his fear. Then God used the child Jeremiah.

Point: God wants to use you to serve others and he will be with you. Everyone Gets to Play.