

Table Talk MIDDLE SCHOOL

October 20, 2019

Exodus 7 –12, John 1:29, 1 Peter 1:17-19 — The Plagues

This week's we talked about The Plagues, and it focused on helping students understand how God acted miraculously on behalf of His people to free them from slavery in Egypt. Also, it helped our students understand that in the same way Jesus saved them from death with His sacrifice as the perfect sacrificial lamb.

NEXT STEPS: During the next week as you have time to talk with your child, consider asking the following questions:

- We saw that God protected the Israelites, even as the Egyptians received plagues as consequences for their hardened hearts. Consider asking your teenager if it's hard to believe that God will protect us. Ask if he or she can recall experiencing this protection.
- Ask: What does it mean that Jesus was the perfect sacrifice, the only sacrifice that could truly save us from death? What are ways people try to save themselves?

This kind of story raises some tough questions that you may want to dig in even deeper, depending on the maturity of your child.

- Pharaoh may have had a hard heart because he didn't want to lose the labor that was needed to run his land. Plus, God unleashed some difficult plagues on Pharaoh. Do you sympathize with Pharaoh at all?
- What does this story ultimately say about God? (Some students may not like the way it portrays God--that God issues tough consequences. Affirm these points of view, but also show them how God protected the people who sought to honor Him).

Table Talk HIGH SCHOOL

October 20, 2019

John 11:1-3; 17-27; 38-44, 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

Faith in Tough Times

We are in week two of our series called, "Jesus and the Tough Times." We are spending our time really talking about where the Lord is when things go wrong. Tonight we talked about how to rely on the Lord when things are hard. Thank you for allowing your child to be a part of it.

This week, the lesson was entitled "Faith In The Tough Times" and it focused on helping our students understand when they experience tough times, they can and should have faith that Jesus will be with them and even strengthening them through these times.

NEXT STEPS: During the next week as you have time to talk with your child, consider asking the following questions:

Ask your teenager about the lesson this week and ask if there was any application associated with the study.

- This week you talked about how Jesus is with you during the tough times. Do you believe that? Why or why not?
- Do you believe that Jesus is the one that can help us get through tough times? Why or why not?
- Part of having faith that Jesus is with you, is trusting in who He is. Do you think you focus on Him or on what He can do for you? What's the difference?