



Maranatha Weekly Study Guide - 11/18/20

Use some, all, or none of the ideas - adapt - come up with your ideas!

If anyone in your family needs a Bible, please contact the office, kingsfordag@yahoo.com or 774-7631 ext. 7.

READ: Exodus 18 *Moses and Jethro* Introduce the passage: Who should we take advice from? We should usually take advice from older and wiser people. People in the church. People we can trust and who have gone through similar experiences. We can also take advice from the Bible and we should! The Bible shows us examples of what Godly people went through and what the result was. We can look to this for guidance. Let's think about this as we study Exodus 18.

- Who did Jethro bring to Moses in the desert? (His daughter Zipporah and her two children by Moses- Gershom and Eliezer. They had stayed with Jethro when Moses with the help of God, went back to Egypt to rescue the Israelites.)
- How did Jethro feel about Moses and God? (He was pleased that Moses through God, was able to help save the Israelites and it says in verse 9 (Jethro was delighted to hear about all the good things the Lord had done).
- In verse 10 what does Jethro say? (Praise be to the Lord!)
- What did Moses and Jethro do in verse 12? (Offer burnt offering and other sacrifices to God.)
- Would you say Jethro was a believer and follower of God? (Yes)
- In verses 13-18, why was Jethro concerned? (Because Moses was doing all the work and the people would have to stand around all day waiting for him.)
- What did Jethro say was going to happen to Moses? (He would wear himself out and the work is too heavy to handle alone.)
- What was Jethro's Advice in verse 20? (Teach them the laws and decrees so they could do some of the duties and know how to live)
- What were the qualifications Jethro suggested of those people who would serve in verse 21? (They were to be capable, fear God, and be trustworthy. Capable means able to do the work – you wouldn't pick someone who is not qualified or who doesn't have the skills to do it. Fearing God means respecting God and living their lives in accordance with God's will. Trustworthy means able to be relied upon. If someone asks them to do something, it gets done. If that person says they will do something, it gets done well. They can be trusted to do the job.)
- Did Moses obey and listen to the wise advice?(Yes)
- Who are people we should listen to and take advice from?

MEMORIZE: Deuteronomy 10:12-13. We will start by memorizing verse 12 of this passage.

Idea #1 Memorize to Music

Use the song links to learn this verse to music.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFCMxBWwQ-Q>

Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

Idea #2: GOTCHA!

Quote a verse incorrectly to your kids, omitting or changing a key word. Ask them to shout, "Gotcha!" when they catch the mistake. Then quote the verse accurately together.

HAVE FUN:

Make a friendship wreath Lightly draw a large circle on poster board or a large sheet of paper. Invite each person to choose a paint color. Paint a child's hand with the color of his choice. Then press his hand onto the poster board around the circle. Overlap handprints and leave the center of the circle empty. Wipe hands as soon as children finish their handprints. Write: God gives us friends to help us! in the middle of the wreath. Trim the outer edge of the wreath to hang it in your room or on your door. SAY • We worked together to make a pretty wreath for our door. Who used the red paint? Who used the green? Who used the blue? The wreath is pretty because we used different colors. If one person had done the whole wreath with red handprints, would it have looked the same? No. The people who made red handprints needed the blue and green handprint people to help. In our Bible story, Moses needed help to lead God's people.

Text – Deuteronomy 6:1-9



God's Love is at the Center of Covenant Relationships

- Obedience to God is not burdensome because we understand that that following His commands is the pathway to the _____ we can experience.

- A love-centered approach to faith and life lives from _____ in and _____ for God's love for us.

Saturation Education

- Saturation education is _____.

- Saturation education is _____.

- Saturation education is _____.

- Saturation education is teaching the faith _____.

Life Enrichment

What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- Why do you think that God's love is essential to a life of obedience?

- What is the difference between obedience based on expectation/demand and obedience based on love? Why is the difference important?

- How have you seen God's love demonstrated in your family this week? How have you helped demonstrate God's love in your family this week?

- Why do you think we find it so easy to categorize the environments of our lives and keep them separate?

- What are some ways Deuteronomy 6:1-9 encourages us to integrate faith into every aspect of life?

- Why do you think God chose the family as the center of His strategy for faith formation?

- If faith formation is best accomplished in our families, what role does the church play in Christian education?

- What teachable moments arose in your family this week? How did you use them to teach each other about Christian living?

- How can you more effectively integrate the faith into all of daily life (economics, relationships, religion, politics, ecology, work, etc.)?