

Bible History to Read and Talk About

Joshua and Jericho: Joshua 5:13–6:27

- Discuss together what it was like for the Hebrews to finally come into the Promised Land. Why do you think the king and soldiers of Jericho were afraid of the Hebrews? (Read Joshua 5:1) Do you think the Hebrews were ready to trust and obey God after the miraculous crossing of the Jordan? Why or why not?
- List the actions God told Joshua, his men of war, and the priests that they must do around Jericho.
- Talk about what happened when the people obeyed the Lord. Why was Rahab saved?

Gideon's Army: Judges 6:11–7:22

- Discuss together Gideon's conversation with the Angel of the Lord. Why do you think the Lord chose the weakest man in all of the nation of Israel to be the leader of the army? Do you think Gideon was surprised? Why or why not?
- List the different ways God told Gideon to make his army smaller. Do you think it is unusual to want a small army? What reason did God give to Gideon for this small number?
- Talk about how Gideon's army was able to

beat a much larger army. What method did God use to encourage Gideon that he would win?

The First Kings of Israel: 1 Samuel 8:1–10:27, 1 Samuel 16:1–17:58, 1 Kings 1:1–3:28

- Discuss together the different ways the first three kings were selected. Do you think David was surprised when he was anointed to be king over Israel? Why or why not?
- Talk about what each king did right and what each king did wrong. Which king was repentant after he sinned? Which kings were not? What happened to the kings who were not repentant?

The Divided Kingdom: 1 Kings 11:9–12:30

- Discuss together why the people decided to follow Jeroboam rather than Rehoboam. What did the people want Rehoboam to do? What did Rehoboam do instead?
- List the promises God made to Jeroboam (1 Kings 11:37–38).
- Talk about why Jeroboam decided not to obey the Lord. Do you think he made a wise decision? Why or why not? What do you think would have happened if he had obeyed?

Suggested Books for Reading Together

Celebrate the Feasts by Martha Zimmerman

When you re-enact the Jewish feasts from the Old Testament, children gain a marvelous, experiential understanding of Bible truths.

This book will give you all you need to know to celebrate the feasts of Israel. For the whole family.