

Family Devotional

From September 25, 2016

Jeremiah was an Old Testament prophet God sent as his messenger to call His people back to himself. They had seen God working mightily on their behalf in the past, but now they had decided to go their own way.

Read: *Jeremiah 2:1-9*

Reflect:

What happens when we choose to go our own way instead of following God's best for us?

Why do you think it is important to look back and remember what has happened in the past?

How does that help us make better choices in the future?

Challenge: As a family, make a list of ways, both big and small, God has been faithful to your family. Maybe by providing a pet or a job, healing someone you love, bringing new friends or interests into your life, etc. Decorate your list and either frame it or place it somewhere safe. Whenever someone in your family is going through a challenging time pull out the list and go over it. Read through the ways God has been faithful in the past and pray together thanking Jesus that He has been faithful and will be faithful in the current situation.

Remember: As a family work on memorizing/mediating on Psalm 22:7

"All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you."

Ideas: Write this passage down and hang it on the refrigerator. Say it together as a family during meal time each day. Write it on a chalk or white board and erase a couple of words each day until you can say it by memory.

Respond: "Dear Father God, thank you for always being faithful to your people! Help my family and I follow your ways, always remembering how you have loved us and been faithful to us in the past. Help us trust you to remain faithful in the future. You are a good, good Father!Amen!"