Takehome

Take-Home Reflection on Joshua 22

Dear Students,

Today, we learned about an important part of the Bible from Joshua chapter 22. This chapter teaches us about understanding, unity, and solving conflicts peacefully. Let's think about what we learned and do some activities with our family to remember this lesson!

Key Points:

1. The Tribes Return Home: The chapter starts with Joshua sending the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh back to their homes across the Jordan River. They had helped the other Israelites, and now it was time for them to go back to their families and land.

2. The Misunderstanding: These tribes build an altar near the Jordan River, and this scares the other Israelites. They think the altar is for worshiping other gods, which would be wrong.

3. Peaceful Talk: Instead of starting a fight, the Israelites send Phinehas and leaders to ask why the altar was built. The tribes explain that they built it to show everyone they are still part of the Israelite community and worship the same God.

4. Unity Restored: Everyone is happy after the explanation. They understand each other and decide to remain united.

Activities to Do at Home:

1. Discussion with Family: Talk to your family about a time when they misunderstood someone or were misunderstood. How was it resolved? What can we learn from the story of Joshua 22 about handling misunderstandings?

2. Build an "Altar" of Good Words: With your family, gather some paper and pens. Write down encouraging words or compliments for each family member on individual pieces of paper. Stack these like bricks to create a small "altar" at the center of your dinner table. Discuss why the words were chosen and how they help keep your family strong and united.

3. Role Play: With your parents or siblings, act out a small skit. One person pretends to make a decision, and the others have to calmly ask questions until they all understand the reason behind the decision. Take turns and see what you learn about asking questions and understanding each other!

4. Draw and Reflect: Draw a picture of two groups of people coming together to talk, just like in the story. Use thought bubbles to show what they might be thinking before and after their conversation. Share your drawing and talk about how conversations can help solve problems.

Questions to Consider:

- Why do you think Joshua was important in Chapter 22?
- How did the Israelites avoid a conflict between the tribes?

- What lesson can we learn about handling misunderstandings in everyday life?
- Why is it important to take the time to understand each other?

Have fun with these activities and continue learning about how to live peacefully with others!

From Your Teacher