

Takehome

Take-Home Assignment: "Understanding 2 Samuel 4"

Objective:

Explore the story and themes of 2 Samuel Chapter 4 and discuss its lessons on honesty, justice, and leadership with your family.

Story Summary:

In 2 Samuel Chapter 4, we read about the aftermath of King Saul's death and the events leading to the establishment of King David's rule over Israel. The chapter describes how Rechab and Baanah, two men who hoped to gain favor with King David, killed Ishbosheth, the son of Saul. Instead of rewarding them, King David condemned their actions, showing his commitment to justice.

Discussion Questions:

1. Who were Rechab and Baanah, and what did they do that was wrong?
2. How did King David react to the news of Ishbosheth's death? Why did he respond this way?
3. What lesson do we learn about honesty and justice from this story?

Family Reflection Activity:

1. Read Together: Sit with a family member and read 2 Samuel 4 from a children's Bible. Discuss the main events in your own words.
2. Role Play: Act out a small scene where you explain why actions like those of Rechab and Baanah are wrong. Practice what you would do if you were King David.
3. Justice and Leadership: Discuss as a family what it means to be a good leader. Make a list of qualities that a fair leader should have. Can you think of leaders you admire who display these qualities?

Family Project: "Justice Jar"

Create a "Justice Jar" with your family. Each time you see or hear about an act of fairness or honesty, write it on a strip of paper and put it in the jar. At the end of each week, read the strips together and celebrate acts of justice and integrity in your family or community.

Creative Drawing:

Draw a comic strip showing a scenario where honesty or justice is important in school or on the playground. Share your comic strip with your family and talk about it.

Reflection Journal:

Write a short paragraph in your journal about a time you had to make a fair decision. How did it make you feel? What did you learn from it?

Remember, the story teaches us about the importance of making choices that are right and just, even when it's difficult. Tell your family what you learned from this story and how you plan to apply it in your life.