

Takehome

Take-Home Assignment: Understanding 2 Samuel 13

Dear Students and Families,

Today, we are going to reflect on a story from the Bible, found in 2 Samuel 13. This is a story about King David's family and some difficult events they faced. While this story has serious themes, it teaches us important lessons about choices, consequences, and how we should treat one another. Please read the outline below and complete the activities with your family.

Outline of 2 Samuel 13:

- Amnon, one of King David's sons, makes a wrong choice and hurts his sister Tamar.
- Tamar is upset and goes to her brother Absalom for help.
- Absalom comforts Tamar and later seeks justice for the wrong done to her.

Reflection Questions:

1. Why is it important to treat others with respect and kindness, like Absalom initially did for Tamar?
2. How do you think Tamar felt in the story? Why is it important to listen to and support those who might be hurting?
3. What do you think Amnon could have done differently?

Activities:

1. Family Discussion Time:

- Sit together as a family and discuss a time when someone did something kind for you. How did it make you feel? How did you show gratitude?

2. Role-Playing Exercise:

- Choose a scenario where someone needs help (e.g., someone is sad, at school alone, or being spoken to unkindly). Role-play how you can offer support and kindness, like Absalom comforted Tamar.

3. Drawing or Craft Activity:

- Create a "Kindness Tree" with family. Draw a tree and fill its branches with leaves made of paper. On each leaf, write an act of kindness you can do for others. Aim to complete at least one act of kindness by the end of the week.

4. Family Kindness Challenge:

- As a family, set a goal for each member to do something kind for another person at home or in your community this week. Share your experiences at dinner or during a family meeting.

Conclusion:

Remember, this story reminds us of the importance of making good choices, supporting those in need, and treating others with love and respect. Your actions and words can have a big impact on others, just like in King David's family.

We hope you enjoy these activities. Have fun reflecting on these important lessons with your family!

Parent/Guardian Signature: Date:

Thank you and have a wonderful time learning and growing together!