

Bible Reading Together during this Covid-19 Shutdown

March 14-20: Read 2 Samuel 6, 1 Chronicles 17 & Gospel of John 20

2 Samuel 6

One of King David's first act as king was to bring the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem with hopes to build the Temple for God. But he had problems with the Ark...

Further Study & Discussion

- Talk about a time when you had a really great plan laid out but it didn't work out.
- David thought he had it all planned out to perfection. He had a fancy brand new cart made to transport the Ark of the Covenant, and he had 30,000 men join him in the celebration of the Ark's return. There was lots of music and dancing. But then it all went bad. What do you think caused Uzzah's death? Why was God so angry?
- David was successful in bringing the Ark into Jerusalem the second time because he did it correctly. Rather than on a cart, the Ark of the Covenant was carried on a pole by four men. What was the difference between carrying it on a cart and using the pole to carry it?

1Chronicles 17

After the Ark of the Covenant was brought into Jerusalem, King David wished to build a glorious Temple to house it and for people to worship in grandeur. But God stopped him.

Further Study & Discussion

- Talk about a time when you did something for another as an expression of love, but your friend, your parent, your child rejected it. What was the problem?
- Previously, we read how Prophet Samuel got it wrong about which son of Jesse was going to be the next king, and now, we see Prophet Nathan telling David, "Do all that you have in mind, for God is with you" (v.2) but then God corrects him (v.4). We see that the very best prophets can get it wrong. What happened for them to get it wrong? And notice how quickly they correct their error?
- Read David's Prayer once more (vv.16-27). What line stands out for you?

John 20

The resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Further Study & Discussion

- Even though the disciples heard news that Jesus rose from the dead like he told them many times, they were still afraid and locked their doors (v.19). Talk about a time with you were afraid, even though you believed in God.
- The famous story of Doubting Thomas is recorded in this chapter. Talk about his doubt and Jesus' response.