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1 KINGS - day one

The general theme for Kings could be "the Lord's faithful love for an unfaithful people." **Look up and highlight 1 Kings 2:1-4**

Again we see the theme of passing on the faith to our children. What do you think are the most important "Christian principles" that need to be passed on? How do you think a parent can best pass on the faith to their children? What might hold us back?

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This entire account (1 Kings 18:20-41) is very powerful because many people were worshipping the false idol (Baal). Elijah asked God to show His power to a people who had rejected Him for Baal. What convinces you that God is more powerful than anything else?

Prayer - Heavenly Father, help me keep the faith. Make me bold and courageous in my witness to those I love, that they may see your mercy. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

2 KINGS - day two

1 & 2 Kings reminds us that God does not break His promises to us. We do it by putting our faith in other things/gods. **Look up and highlight 2nd Kings 17:13-14.**

We can relate to this part of the Bible, as we watch so many turning away from God. Our God still warns us to guard our beliefs and lifestyles, unless we too turn away from Him. How do you think we can prevent turning away from God?

Prayer - Lord, keep me strongly tied to Your Word. Keep my faith strong and focused on Your grace and mercy. Amen.

1 CHRONICLES - day three

Chronicles is a history book - Israel's history. It reminds them of their past, the glories, the promises from God and the sins that sent them into exile. They needed to hear these stories, so they wouldn't repeat the sins of their ancestors. **Look up and highlight chapter 28 verse 20.**

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Where in your life is God calling you to be faithful? What have you been putting off in your life which will help you in your walk with God?

Prayer - Lord, strength my faith in You. Be with me and deliver me from those things which would take my eyes off of You. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

2 CHRONICLES - day four

The theme of this book is a similar one - trust in God because He has Your back. In this section you will be highlighting, Judah (God's people) is about to be attacked by three different countries. With this in mind, **look up and highlight chapter 20 verses 20-22 in your Bible.**

God defeated Judah's enemies while they sang and prayed to Him. Are you facing any battles? They may not be a physical war, but spiritual warfare is very difficult. Fight this spiritual warfare with prayer! Matthew 7:7-8 says "Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find...". No matter what challenges you face, God will grant you strength and faith! Who among your family and friends might you partner up in these battles to help you face them united in faith?

Prayer - Gracious Father, You know the things I am facing right now. Give me strength. Increase my faith. Surround me with the faithful, so that we might face these challenges together in the power of Your name. Amen.

Ezra - day five

Ezra shows God at work in the lives of the nations and world leaders to bring good things to His people. Often, when things seem as though they are the absolute worst, God has a way of working through them to bring change into our lives. It's books like Ezra which gives us assurance that God is in control and that He loves us! With that in mind **look up and highlight Ezra 9:6-9**

Ezra felt shame over his sinfulness as well as his nation's sinfulness. He confessed it - all of it - to God. How do you think this made Ezra feel?

Take a moment to think about your life - where you have fallen short with God or with others - and give it to God right now. This is called repentance. Then know this - Jesus died and rose again and paid for all of those sins. What is the first thing you feel after doing this?

Think about one more person who would find comfort in getting rid of their guilt and finding forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Pray for them by name, right now, and ask God for an opportunity to share with them this powerful gift of forgiveness.

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