



A King's FAITH vs WORRY
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NOTE TO PARENTS from Ps Luke Aiasecca

Thank you for the privilege of ministering to your family through Kidmania Online. Today's Kidmania Online was **A King's FAITH vs WORRY**. It was all about King Jehosaphat's journey from WORRY to FAITH.

This parent info sheet can be used by you at home to support your Kidmania experience WITH your children and help them to get the most out of it.

Be encouraged at this time that you, the parents, are THE MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN YOUR CHILDREN'S WORLD. You can set an example for your children of prayerfully moving FROM 'WORRY' to 'FAITH' AND 'COURAGE'.

The 'main ideas' section of this parent info sheet has been designed especially for you to enter into meaningful discussion with your children.

To help your children really share what is in their hearts and minds with you, and YOU can actively build faith and wisdom into them when it comes to the 'Ask' points, don't rush them... give them time to think and respond and really show them you are listening and that you understand.

We are here to support you! If you have any questions you would like to discuss please contact your location Kidmania co-ordinator or email me at luke.aiasecca@enjoy.church

God bless you!



Family Ice Breaker – Naughts and Crosses Race

This is a fun way to introduce what you will be talking about as a family.

"Naughts and crosses Race"

This is a game of speed and wisdom/strategy - of knowing what to do and when, while under pressure.

* You could play regular naughts and crosses using a board game, or sheets of paper and pens/pencils, or a whiteboard with whiteboard markers *OR*

* You could do as the Kidmania team did, and play the naughts and crosses 'race' using a magnetic white board with some naughts and crosses stuck to magnets or have your players rub out their naught/cross and rewrite it where they next want it.

Either way, just make sure you have a grid of 9 squares (3 across and 3 down). Player 1 is naughts, and player 2 is crosses. Taking turns at putting a naught/cross in a square the winner is the first person to get 3 IN A ROW. Have fun!

Today's Scripture Reference - 2 Chronicles 20

1. Read through the chapter for yourself.
2. Retell the story of how **God fights for King Jehosaphat** in your own words.
3. Read the key verses you especially want your children to know.
4. Read, repeat & recite the memory verse (now and at mealtimes this week)

Philippians 4:6-7

Be anxious about nothing, instead pray about everything and the peace of God which is greater than what we can understand will protect your hearts and minds.



The Main Ideas for Family Discussion

Topic introduction:

Say: King Jehoshaphat was really anxious (feeling scared) when he learned that his many enemies were surrounding him. It would have been normal for the king to be worried. He only had a small army and he knew that his army could not possibly win against all the other nations who were joining forces against him. This would have to be a king's worst fear.

Discussion:

Ask: What is your worst fear? What would you do if you were facing your worst fear?

Ask: Have you ever felt anxious about making a wrong choice or messing things up?

Ask: Do you sometimes think ahead that the worst possible thing will happen?

Ask: Have you ever noticed that things turn out better than we imagined?

Ask: Have you ever thought, 'why did I even worry about that?'

Say: Most of the time, our fears don't even come true. We can worry for nothing.

Share: an age-appropriate example from your own life that answers the above questions.

Ask: When King Jehoshaphat was surrounded, what did he do?

Say: He did what any wise king would have done... He prayed really hard!

Ask: Did God hear his prayers? [*the answer we are looking for is 'YES!'*]

Say: YES! God did hear his prayers! The great thing about God is that he always hears the prayers of His people, and you and I are God's people, which means He always hears our prayers.

Say: In **2 Chronicles 20:6 & 12** King Jehoshaphat says to God, "O LORD God of our fathers, are you not the God of heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand and no one can withstand you...We have no power to face this huge army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."

Ask: What is King Jehoshaphat really saying there? [*we are looking for an answer something like, 'we are powerless to help ourselves but You God can help/save us'.*]

Say: Then God said to King Jehoshaphat, "Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this huge army, for the battle is not yours but God's. You will not have to fight this battle. Take your positions; stand firm and see how God will rescue you. Do not be afraid and do not be discouraged."

Ask: What is God really saying there? [*we are looking for an answer something like, 'do nothing except get in position and trust Me, and watch Me fight your battle for you'.*]

Sum up:

Say: Instead of being afraid or anxious or stressed, God wants us to go Him first, and pray just like King Jehoshaphat did, and then do what He says.

Memory Verse Challenge:

Philippians 4:6-7 "Be anxious about nothing, instead pray about everything and the peace of God which is greater than what we can understand will protect your hearts and minds."

Let's pray! [*Leave a gap for your kids to repeat after you, whenever you see this symbol: /*]

Say: Repeat after me: Thank you Jesus / that you have put your powerful Spirit / on the inside of me / Please help me / to grow in faith / so that I would overcome / fear anxiety and worry / Help me to face my fear of / (list their fears) / and trust in You God / because You are a trustworthy God! / In Jesus name / Amen!

