



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

November 12, 2017

What We're Learning This Week

"JESUS GAVE THE GREAT COMMISSION"

MATTHEW 28:16-20

The good news about what Jesus has done to rescue us from our sins is too great to keep to ourselves. Before Jesus went back to heaven, he gave the disciples a job to do. Jesus wants his followers to teach people everywhere about Jesus so they will trust in him as their Lord and Savior.

Questions to Ask, Conversation Starters, and Helping to Apply The Truths to Our Kids' Lives

Remember: this guide is meant to help facilitate conversations and engagement with Jesus throughout the week, so don't feel like you need to do this all in one day!

BEFORE WE MEET TOGETHER ON SUNDAY

- Continue conversations as a family regarding last week's lesson about Jesus forgiving his disciples and calling them to be on mission.
- Read through Matthew 28:16-20; pray and ask God to reveal himself to you and for wisdom in how to best shepherd and disciple your kids through this Scripture in the next week

AFTER WE MEET TOGETHER ON SUNDAY

Discipleship Through Scripture and Conversation

- Talk to your kids about the Bible story that they learned at church. Ask them to explain what they learned/what stuck out to them in the story, and expand upon the truths of the Bible that they are bringing up.
- Continue the conversation with your kids on Sunday and throughout the week. Some helpful conversations this week could be:
 1. Jesus talked a lot about making disciples during his time on Earth, and specifically talked about making disciples as part of his Great Commission.
 - Talk about growing as followers of Jesus as individuals and as a family. What does it mean to be a disciple? How can we, in our family, grow as being disciples of Jesus?

- Take time to talk about why we pursue helpful biblical rhythms (like reading our bible and praying) as an outpouring of Jesus' love and our desire to follow Him.
2. Jesus gave the disciples - and everyone who follows Him (including us) - a job to do. He said to "make disciples of every nation"
- Talk as a family about what it looks like to be a disciple in Los Angeles and in the spheres of your family's life - whether that be at school, in your neighborhood, on your child's sports team, and/or anywhere else
 - Converse together about talking to/teaching other people about Jesus. What are some helpful ways we can encourage other people to hear the Good News about Jesus? How can we be obedient to what Jesus has asked us to do?
 - Be sure to remind the kids that the work of salvation is always through the power of God and never through our own works; with that, we can also talk about how God calls us to participate in the work he is doing in the world. It is by grace through faith that we are saved. From that place we can then go forth and serve Jesus in our actions in what he is doing in the world!

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray together as a family to grow as disciples of Jesus, and pray for the Holy Spirit to equip and empower you to make disciples in the areas you discussed.
 - Ask each member of your family - adults included - to share one thing they would like prayer over. Have someone to pray for that person's request. Encourage your family to pray for that person for the entire week.
- Take time to pray independently for your children, for God to do his mighty work in their hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit

Discipleship through modeling/action

- Follow up throughout the week about the things you discussed
 - How have you seen Jesus grow you as a disciple this week? What ways has it been challenging? Share how this has been for you personally and lead your children into thinking about this themselves. Continue to discuss and pray over these things together.
- Model healthy biblical rhythms for your kids, and encourage them to participate themselves
- Pursue discipleship in your life. Read Scripture, pray fervently, invest into community, and more. Model the ways of Christ as an example to your kids.

Our Memory Verse for This Unit

OUR MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS UNIT (ENTITLED “JESUS THE RISEN KING”) IS 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4

- *For our older kids, we are doing the full verse:*
 - “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures”
- *For our younger kids, we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*
 - “He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures”

While we are helping the kids engage with this Scripture on Sundays through fun activities and time together, we really encourage you to take time to continue to engage with the memorization of this Scripture at home. As always, the hope is not to have our kids simply know a lot of Scripture, but to engage in God’s Word and allow Him to use it to transform the hearts of our kids!

What’s Coming Up?

- Help us get to know you more and to know how we can love and serve you in greater ways by taking our short [RLA Kids Family Survey](#). If that link doesn’t work you can access the survey at <https://realityla.wufoo.com/forms/rla-kids-family-survey-fall-2017/>
- Want weekly updates and occasional texts about special announcements? Text the word “Kids” to 323.859.1122
- Nothing else to report this week; keep an eye out on this section in the future for upcoming RLA Kids events, initiatives, and opportunities!

We Want to Know and Serve You Better!

We love hearing from you! You can email kids@realityla.com at any time with any thoughts, questions, or concerns. We also love to be praying with and alongside you, so please send those over as well!