



# RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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## What We're Learning This Week

### **"A SONG OF THANKSGIVING"**

ISAIAH 12

Isaiah looked forward to the day when God's words would come true—God would bless His people, and they would be thankful and tell everyone about Him. By sending His Son, God kept His promise to save people from sin. Jesus died on the cross and rose again. Those who trust in Him rejoice and are saved.

## 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 ascending to Heaven. Last week's guide can be found [here](#)
- Read through Isaiah 12; 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. Isaiah 12:1-2, Isaiah had a vision of God's grace towards sinners. Talk about the importance of grace and mercy as a family.
    - We need to be forgiven of something. Talk as a family about sin. What is sin? Why is turning away from God/towards something else wrong? What are some ways we feel tempted in our lives towards sin and away from God?

- What does it mean and look like to receive mercy and grace from Jesus? What are some ways it is hard accept and live a life where you are fully forgiven? In what ways are we prone to forget grace and seek forgiveness on our own merit?
2. In Isaiah 12:4-6 we are called to give thanks to the Lord and sing praises to him
    - Talk as a family: what are some of the reasons we can give thanks to the Lord? How can we worship God together as a family and as individuals? How can we continue to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to him even when it is hard/we don't feel like it?
  3. In Isaiah 12:5 we are called to "let this be made known in all the earth"
    - Talk about this in conjunction with the lesson about the Great Commission from two weeks ago. Continue to talk together 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? How can we share the Good News of Jesus with others, especially this Thanksgiving season when we see a lot of family and friends?

### **Discipleship through prayer**

- Take time to pray together as a family.
  - This week is Thanksgiving. Take some time to pray prayers of thanksgiving to God as a family, leading your kids in praising God, his character, and his gracious love.
- 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
  - Praise the Lord in all that you do. Engage and interact with God in Scripture and prayer and share with your children the depth of his goodness. Ask your children questions about grace, mercy, and thankfulness, and pursue conversations with them.
- Pursue discipleship in your own 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](mailto: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!