



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

December 10, 2017

What We're Learning This Week

“PETER HEALED A BEGGAR”

ACTS 3:1-10; 4:5-31

After Jesus returned to heaven, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples power to begin working. With the power of Jesus' name, Peter healed a man who was lame. Not even the religious leaders could stop Jesus' followers from sharing the good news about Jesus

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 the Holy Spirit in Acts 2. Last week's guide can be found [here](#)
- Read through Acts 3:1-10; 4:5-31; 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. Peter and John were bold in their witness to the beggar and their sharing of the Gospel.
 - Talk as a family about the confidence we can have in the Gospel. When Peter and John were confronted by the religious leaders, they did not shy away. Peter and John preached about the salvation found in Jesus.
 - Why do we and how can we have confidence in the Gospel? Why is it so important for us to share the good news of Jesus with people in all circumstances?

- Acts 4:20 said they were “unable to stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.” Talk as a family and ask: who are some people that we want to speak to about Jesus? What is keeping us from doing that? What does it look like to trust the Holy Spirit in our fears and nervousness?
2. Miracles are not magic and not meant to be used so people celebrate us; miracles display the power of God and to help restore the Kingdom of God in the world
- The man wasn't healed because Peter was a super-believer. Peter explained that it was by Jesus' power the man was healed. Talk as a family about how God works in these ways today.
 - Read this [short article](#) about talking to kids about miracles from The Gospel Project.
 - What ways do we see the Holy Spirit manifest himself/his power in our world today? What is the difference between a miraculous work of God and the more regular work of the Holy Spirit in the world?
 - How should we think about and engage with miracles today? How does knowing God works in miraculous ways affect the way we live our lives? How does it affect our view of and relationship with God?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - The man's healing made him happy and thankful. He entered the temple and rejoiced! Consider the wonderful miracle of salvation. We are dead in our sin, and God makes us alive in Christ! How we should rejoice and give thanks to the Lord! Praise God for this and pray for salvation for those who don't yet have a relationship with Christ (potentially including those in your own household)
 - Pray for boldness in sharing the Gospel this coming week, for trust in the Holy Spirit to communicate the good news, and for God to work in miraculous ways (all for his glory!)
- 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

- Talk as a family about ways you have observed the Holy Spirit at work this week. How have you seen God moving in your lives? In the lives of others? In what ways have you been able to communicate the heart of the Gospel to others?
- 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 ACTS 1:8

- *For our older kids, we are doing the full verse:*
 - “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth”
- *For our younger kids, we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*
 - “You will be my witnesses...to the end of the earth”

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?

- Kids Christmas Choir! We will be singing at the December 24 gathering. All the details can be found [here](#)
- 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

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!