



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“PAUL’S SECOND JOURNEY”

ACTS 16:11-34

Lydia, the jailer, and many others were saved because they heard the gospel and believed in Jesus. Paul and Silas preached the same message to all people, no matter who they were: “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be 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 the lesson from last Sunday, when Paul and Barnabas met with other believers and determined the becoming a Christian was through faith in Jesus alone. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Acts 16:11-34; 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. Paul and Silas were unashamed to preach the Gospel in any circumstance. They were obedient to the people God put in front of them, regardless of who the person was or the situation they were in.
 - Talk together as a family about this. What gave Paul and Silas the confidence to preach the Gospel continually? When do we feel more hesitant/nervous to share about God

with others, and why? What has God done to give us confidence and assurance in the Gospel?

2. Paul and Silas were thrown into prison after Paul commanded a fortune-telling spirit to come out of a slave girl. Late at night, an earthquake rocked the prison. The prisoners could have escaped, but they stayed where they were.
 - What kept Paul and Silas from leaving the prison that was seemingly miraculously opened up for them? We know God has called us to obedience to the conviction of the Holy Spirit, but what does that mean and look like? How can we listen to or hear from the Holy Spirit?
3. Paul and Silas preached the same message to all people, no matter who they were: "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved."
 - Just like last week, practice together delivering and receiving the good news of the Gospel! Have the children share the Gospel with you, and walk through it together as a family. A sweet time to not just recount the grace of God, but to grow together as a family in sharing the kingdom story of God creating, redeeming, and restoring his people through his son Jesus!

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray for confidence in the Gospel and to not be ashamed of sharing the good news to people God puts in your life. Pray also for wisdom and discernment in who those people are, and ask God to reveal opportunities to share the Gospel. Pray for attentive ears and hearts to the Holy Spirit and his conviction!
- 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
 - Spend time seeking to listen intently to the Holy Spirit. Proclaim the Gospel boldly in a relationship or area of your life that you are uncomfortable/nervous, and ask for courage from the Holy Spirit to fill you and your kids.
- 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 “THE GOD WHO SENDS”) 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?

- We will be updating our schedule a little bit! Check out the changes [here](#) and ask RLA Kids leaders about it on Sunday.
- Want weekly updates and occasional texts about special announcements? Text the word “Kids” to 323.859.1122. It really helps in preparing for Sunday and the rest of the week!

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.