



# RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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## What We're Learning This Week

### **"PAUL PREACHED IN EUROPE"**

*ACTS 17: 16-34*

The men of Athens worshiped a false god whom they did not know. Paul explained to the men God's plan of salvation. He said that God is not like the Greek idols. Only God deserves our worship! Paul talked about Jesus and the resurrection. All people can know God because Jesus took the punishment for sin that separates people from God.

## 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 Silas preached the same message to all people despite their circumstances. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Acts 17:16-34; 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 got upset when he saw the people in Athens worshipping idols. He preached to them about the one true God who deserves our worship. He tells us that we can know God because he is always near.

- Talk together as a family about this. Take time to reflect on the different ways God has made himself know to us. How do we know that He is always near and what does this tell us about God?
  - Emphasize to your kids that only God deserves our worship. Why is that? Talk together about the different ways we can engage in worshipping God. Have each person share their favorite way of worship. Share together some of the things that can become idols or false Gods?
2. Paul taught the people in Athens that God sent Jesus to be our savior. He tells us that through Jesus' death and resurrection, we can repent.
- What does repentance mean, and how is it modeled in Scripture? What should it look like as a rhythm in our lives? How can we practice repentance with God and with each other daily?

### **Discipleship through prayer**

- Take time to pray together as a family.
  - Thank God for being near to us, for sending Jesus through whom we can freely repent and seek forgiveness. Pray that God reveals the idols in your family and seek repentance for worshipping anything other than God. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel and for boldness to do so.
- 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 in worship throughout the week. Lead your family in different forms of worship, especially in the ways your kids love to worship. Practice repentance when you fall short and rejoice in the Lord knowing that he forgives freely.
- 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](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.