



# RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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## What We're Learning This Week

### **“PAUL’S THIRD JOURNEY”**

*ACTS 18: 1-4, 24-28, 20: 17-38*

As Paul traveled on his third missionary journey, he used every opportunity to tell people the good news about Jesus and to help the church. Paul was dedicated to Jesus, who called him to do the work of sharing the gospel.

## 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 18:1-4, 24-28, 20:17-38 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. Aquila and Priscilla pulled aside Appolos (a Jewish believer who was preaching the Gospel) and explained to him the Gospel more accurately.
    - Talk together as a family about this. What is the Gospel of Jesus Christ? How does it change and impact our lives and everything that we do? In what ways are we likely to add to the Gospel or remove from it?

- Discuss together how we can share the Gospel with our friends, family and the people around us in a way that highlights the completeness of Christ's work. Encourage your kids to practice sharing the Gospel with you.
  - Take time to reflect on the manner in which Priscilla and Aquila gently corrected Appollos. How does this shape how we seek to correct others? How does it affect our heart and posture as we receive correction from others?
2. The Holy Spirit led Paul to go to Jerusalem. This wasn't an easy call to obey. The Spirit revealed to Paul that imprisonment and suffering awaited him in Jerusalem.
- Take time to talk to your kids about the work of the Holy Spirit. What is the active role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers. This is a good opportunity to engage in a conversation with your kids about the triune nature of God.
  - Paul was dedicated to preaching the Gospel even when faced with danger. Why is that? Is the Gospel worth it? What does this tell us about God's heart towards all people? Emphasize to your kids that God wants everyone to know him and he uses believers to share His good news. What are we to do when God calls us to do something that scary?
3. Paul tells the church leaders to remember to help the weak.
- What did he mean by that? What does this tell us about who God is? How is helping the weak modeled in Scripture? Discuss together some ways that your family can practice this.

### **Discipleship through prayer**

- Take time to pray together as a family.
  - Thank God for your family. Thank him for giving us the Holy Spirit. Pray and ask God for attentiveness to the work and presence of the Holy Spirit. Pray that God reveals ways in which your family can practice helping the weak around you. Ask God 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 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. Continue talking about the Gospel, what it is, and how it changes everything.

- 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.