



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

"THE CHURCH WAS DIVIDED" **1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-31**

Paul told believers in the Corinthian church to come together because of the gospel of Jesus. He reminded them that Jesus saves sinners. Because of Jesus and what He has done, believers can humbly come together as one body.

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 reminded Peter that only Jesus can save people from sin and that God accepts people who have faith in Jesus, not people who try to earn salvation on their own. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through 1 Corinthians 1:10-31, 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. Paul told the Corinthian believers that they should not be divided. He makes it clear that the Gospel does not divide us but unites us.
 - Talk together with your kids about this. Why is unity amongst believers important? What does unity look like? How is it modeled in Scripture? Discuss in the most

practical of ways some of the things that cause division in your family. Allow your kids to share.

- This is a good opportunity to have a conversation with your kids on how to engage in conflict and disagreement in a healthy way knowing that we are in Christ. Does being united in Christ mean an absence of conflict? Is it ok to disagree?
2. Paul explained that the good news about Jesus seems foolish to those who do not believe in Jesus. But to those who believe, the cross is God's power and wisdom.
- How is this so? What does the fact that God chose to save the world by sending his son to the cross tell us about God? What does it tell us about Jesus? Why would it be foolishness to those who do not believe? How does it demonstrate God's power?
 - Engage your kids heart in this. Emphasize that Christ could have come as a king reigning in glory. He could have opted out of the suffering of the cross, but He chose to come in humility as a baby and the means of salvation to be the cross, to draw us into His family.
3. Paul tells us that God does not save people because of their wisdom. We are saved because we trust Jesus. Our salvation was achieved on the cross by Jesus alone, and through him we have been made righteous.
- How does this shape us as believers? How does this shape the way we disagree with each other? How does the message of the cross proclaim unity?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Thank God for the work of Jesus on the cross. Thank God that we do not receive salvation or righteousness because of the things we do but only through faith in Christ. Pray that the message Paul shared with the believers in Corinth take root in your hearts. Pray for unity in your family and relationships. Pray that the Lord gives you wisdom in how to teach your kids to engage in conflict and disagreement well. Ask the Holy Spirit to increase your family's dependency on Christ.
- 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

- Throughout this week intentionally seek to boast in the Lord and give glory to Him for the way he is working in your family and in the lives of your kids. Model healthy conflict resolution and live in peace in as much as it depends on you. Intentionally seek out a relationship with a believer that has been particularly difficult and seek unity knowing Jesus is the basis for unity amongst believers. Model humility for 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 LEADS”) IS GALATIANS 2:20

- *For our older kids, we are doing the full verse:*
 - “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me”
- *For our younger kids, we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*
 - “I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me”

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.