



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“PAUL CONFRONTED PETER” GALATIANS 2:11-21

Peter was wrong to separate himself from the Gentiles. The gospel is for everyone, and we should show love to everyone. Paul reminded Peter that only Jesus can save people from sin. God accepts people who have faith in Jesus, not people who try to earn salvation on their own.

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 being dedicated to Jesus, used every opportunity to tell people about the Gospel and build up the church. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Galatians 2:11-21, 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 was being hypocritical. When he was among Jews, he did not eat with the Gentiles and even told them they were supposed to follow certain Jewish laws. His hypocrisy led other believers astray, including Barnabas.
 - Talk together with your family about this. What is God's heart towards all people, nation and tongue? How does that influence the way we interact with and love one another especially people who look different from you?

- Talk about the act of hypocrisy. In what ways do you tend to be hypocritical or think of yourself superior to others? What does scripture say about hypocrisy? Confess together, give examples of ways you've been hypocritical in the past. Allow your children to share.
2. When Paul learned that Peter was being hypocritical, he confronted him in person in-front of other believers.
 - Why does Paul confront Peter in-front of the other believers? In what ways is this different from the way Priscilla and Aquila corrected Apollos from last week? In what ways is it similar? How does both of these scripture instruct us in how we correct one another? Discuss together how your family can apply this in correcting one another.
 3. Paul reminds believers in Galatia and now, the truth of the Gospel, salvation is not based on ethnicity or external obedience to the law, but comes by faith in Jesus Christ, a faith that is freely available to people of every tongue, tribe, and nation. This is good news because we can't obey the law.
 - Discuss together as a family about what this means. What does this tell us about God's heart towards all people? Why do we need to be saved and made right with God? Why is it important that we know we are saved by faith in Christ alone and not by the works of our own hands? If we are saved by faith in Christ alone, why then does God want us to obey Him? How is faith in Christ modeled in Scripture?
 - As you talk about this, encourage your kids not to wonder if they have what it takes to be saved. Emphasize that salvation comes through faith in Christ alone. Jesus did all the work by living a perfect life without sin, dying on the cross the death we deserve and raising from the dead to sit at the right hand of God.
 4. Paul says "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me...". Discuss together as a family about what this means. Why is it important? What does this scripture imply about the purpose, meaning and implications of Christ's death on the cross? How does this change the way we live?
 - Emphasis to your kids that because Christ died, we no longer have to earn our salvation by obeying the law, we depend on Jesus. Because Christ lives in us, we are empowered by him to live for God and to love all people.

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 for protection over your family. Pray that the Lord protects your family from trying to earn righteousness and salvation through works. Pray that the Lord reveals to you the

different ways you might be trying to earn righteousness and salvation apart from or in addition to faith in Christ. Pray that you will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as though Christ lives in you. Pray that the Lord provides opportunities for your family to build relationships with people who do not look like you?

- 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
 - Intentionally seek to build relationships with people in community who are different from you. Encourage your kids in this. Press into difficult relationships, depending on the power of Christ in you to empower you to love well. Continue to lead your family in discussions about faith in Christ and how it is modeled in Scripture.
- 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 THIS SUNDAY! 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.