



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“A CHEERFUL GIVER” 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-15; 9: 6-15

God has been merciful and generous to us. He gave us the greatest gift—His own Son. Jesus showed us what generosity looks like when He gave up His life to save us from sin. Because of Jesus, we can be merciful and generous to others.

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 told us to be prepared to fight a spiritual battle everyday and reminded us that Jesus has already won the victory. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 9: 6-15, 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. In this letter to the Corinthians, Paul is calling believers in the city of Corinth to help believers in other churches. In this letter Paul teaches us a lot about generosity. Engage in a conversation with your family about this, what stands out from reading the passage? What is generosity and why should it be a core practice for Christians?

2. Paul gave us a really important model for our generosity and giving, Jesus. What did Jesus do that was so incredibly giving and generous. How does that shape how we give? What is our first response to God's gift in Jesus?
 - Emphasise to your kids that Jesus is the model for our giving and generosity. He gave up glory and honour in heaven to come to earth to face death for our salvation. What does that tell us about generosity? Our response is to receive His gift of salvation and give ourselves to him.
3. Paul tells us that even though the believers were poor, they overflowed with generosity and eagerly begged to be involved in helping other believers. What does this teach us about generosity? How is it that people with so little can be so generous? Engage your kids in a conversation about the different ways your family can practice generosity as a rhythm in your home?
 - Emphasise to your kids that even though they might feel like they have very little or nothing to give, they can still be generous with what they have. God does not call us to give what we do not have but out of what we have been given. Encourage your kids that generosity is not about how much you can give but rather our attitudes and heart posture about giving.
4. Paul reminded believers that God gives us everything we need and that everything we have is a gift from Him. Why is this important to remember? How can this be practically applied to your family right now? How does this change our posture and attitudes towards giving? How does it shape how we think of God?
5. Lastly, what does these passages teach us about the fruits of generosity? When we are generous, we reflect God's heart and in turn God gets the glory. How does this influence our attitude towards giving?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Thank God for his ultimate act of generosity towards us in giving us himself, through Jesus. Pray that when it comes to generosity, your model as a family will be Jesus. Ask the Lord to show you different ways your family can be abundantly and over-flowingly generous with what you have been given by the Lord. Pray that the Lord increases your generosity with the Gospel, the most important thing we have been given.
- 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
 - Paul tells us that as Christians, just as we excel in faith, in speech and in knowledge, so also we should excel in generosity, an act of grace. Model to your family this week, what it looks like to be intentional and joyful in your generosity. Look to Jesus for this.
- 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 CHANGES US”) IS 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

- *For our older and younger kids, we are doing the full verse:*
 - “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come”

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.