



# RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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## What We're Learning This Week

### **"THE SHIPWRECK"** **ACTS 27:13-44; 28:11-16**

Paul trusted God to keep His promise to rescue them from the storm. He encouraged the sailors to trust and obey God too. God calls us to trust in His Son, Jesus, who died to rescue us from sin and death, and to tell others this good news.

## 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 Acts 27: 13-44; 28: 11-16, 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. Reflect on the lessons from the last few weeks. Paul was arrested due to unfounded accusations by the Jews, but God told Paul to take courage. Despite being in prison, Paul proclaimed the good news of the Gospel. Engage your family in a conversation about what they have learned about being disciples of Jesus and about God's character from reading Paul's story.

2. In today's passage, Paul is on a ship to Rome to appeal to Ceasar as he had requested in Acts 25, however, they are caught in a terrible storm and shipwrecked.
  - Encourage your kids to observe Paul in this week's passage. How does his actions during this time reflect a life that has been transformed by God? How does his presence on the ship influence the outcome? How did Paul show faith in Jesus and use every opportunity to share the Gospel? How did Paul care for others on the ship? How does this shape our lives as believers and our faith in Jesus?
3. Encourage your kids to closely look at the events and people in the passage and see how God is working through them to accomplish his purposes. How do we see God being in control over Paul's life and protecting Paul? What does this tell us about God's character? What is Paul's response to God during this time? How does this instruct us on how we are to respond to God in times of difficulty?
4. When Paul arrived in Rome, believers from the surrounding areas came to meet Paul. Their visit greatly encouraged Paul! What does this teach us about how we are to be brothers and sisters to the community of Christ that we have been placed in? Engage your kids in this conversation and what it would look like to live this out practically.

### **Discipleship through prayer**

- Take time to pray together as a family.
  - Thank God for being trustworthy, good and in control of the lives of every member of your family. Pray that your response to God will be to trust him in faith. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give you boldness to proclaim the Gospel because you trust in what God has spoken and revealed about himself.
- 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
  - When Paul got to Rome, believers in Rome came to meet him and encourage him in Jesus. This week, seek to model this to your family. Encourage the believers you are surrounded by who might be in difficult situations. Be the church.
- 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 “GOD’S PLAN FOR PAUL”) IS PHILIPPIANS 1: 20-21**

- *For our older kids, we are doing the full verse:*
  - “It is my eager expectation and hope that ...Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
- For our younger kids, we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:
  - To me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

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 memorisation 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.