



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

July 22, 2018

What We're Learning This Week

“REMEMBER GOD’S TRUTH” JUDE 3-4, 17-25

The prophets in the Old Testament told about the Day of the Lord, a day when God would come to judge the world and save His people. Paul said that in the future, on the Day of the Lord, Jesus will return for His people and judge the wicked. Believers live with hope, knowing that Jesus will come again.

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 said that in the future, on the Day of the Lord, Jesus will return for His people and judge the wicked. Believers live with hope, knowing that Jesus will come again. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Jude 3-4, 17-25, 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. Jude wrote his letter to warn believers about false teachers. He urged his readers not to abandon their beliefs but to “contend for the faith” (Jude 3.)

- Talk together as a family. How can we determine whether someone or something is true or false? How do we know that everything in the Bible is true? What is the role of the Holy Spirit in this?
 - How does knowing God and knowing about God help us in this pursuit? What are some ways that we can know/know about God more?
 - We can feel fearful that we will be lead astray. What are some promises of God that bring us peace? What are some ways we've seen God fulfill His promise to protect His people from sin, both in Scripture and in our own lives? What does it look like to defend the faith?
2. Because of Jesus, we will be able to stand before God with great joy. In the words of Jude, "to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority before all time, now and forever. Amen" (Jude 25.)
- Take some time as a family to praise God together! Sing together, pray together, read Scripture together, rejoice together. Thank God that He is able to keep us from sin, that He is near to us today, and that He gives us the promise of a future hope.

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray for God to reveal the false ideas, beliefs, theology, or any other things that are engrained in our hearts and minds, and ask for Him to renew you and your family. Pray for God to guard you from sin, false teaching, and straying from His truth.
- 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
 - Check in with one another regarding your theology and beliefs. Continue testing one another in the aim of growing in Christ-likeness. Talk about the promises of God together throughout the week.
- 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 GIVES HOPE”) IS 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

- *For our older kids, we are doing the full verse:*
 - “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work”
- For our younger kids, we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:
 - “All Scripture is breathed out by God”

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?

- Family Date Night will be July 28 in Central LA. Check out the RLA Kids page on RLA Connect for more info
- Stay connected by joining the [RLA Kids page on RLA Connect](#)
- 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.