



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

August 19, 2018

What We're Learning This Week

“JESUS ON THE THRONE” REVELATION 4:2-5:14

John cried when he saw that no one was worthy to open the scroll. Then John saw the resurrected Lamb—God's Son, Jesus. Jesus was killed on the cross so that we could have forgiveness and eternal life. Jesus is worthy. He deserves all praise, honor, and blessing.

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 Jesus gave messages to seven local churches called them to turn away from their sin and remain faithful to Him. We can learn from those churches. Through the church, Jesus helps believers work together to do God's plan. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Revelation 4:2-5:14, 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. Before jumping into the specifics of this week's lesson, take time to continue the conversations started the last few weeks and talk together about the book of Revelation
 - We can all feel skeptical about someone “knowing the future”...how do we know this account is true? What ways does God meet us in our uncertainty and doubt?

- How can we know, with certainty, what our future holds? What hope do we have in knowing this future hope of Christ? What does it say about who God is?
2. Revelation 4:11 says, “Our Lord and God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because you have created all things, and by your will they exist and were created.” Jesus, the Lamb of God, is worthy of our praise. All the creatures in John’s vision worshiped Jesus.
- Talk together as a family. What does it mean to worship? What does the Bible say about worship?
 - Often times we in the church impose the word worship with just musical worship. We love singing praises and worship God in song! But there are many, many ways we can worship God. Talk together about some ways we can worship; some could be praising God and His character, prayer (in different postures as well, like kneeling or arms open), confessing sin and repenting, meeting together with the church, worshipping God through reading His word, working well, and serving others.
 - What rhythms do you have in worshipping God together as a family? Where do you want God to help your family grow in unity through worship?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Praise God as often and long as you can. Pray for God to continue to put worship of Him at the forefront of your mind and for right/godly ways to follow the tradition of the angels declaring “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty--the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come.” And pray for increased/sustained times of worship together as a family.
- 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
 - Practice worshipping God together! Try to expand your scope of worshipping God by stepping into Scriptural practices that you are not normally accustomed to. Encourage your family to worship God individually, but be sure to take time to worship together as the church of Jesus.

- 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 REVELATION 21:5

- *For our older kids and our younger kids, we are doing the full verse:*
 - “He who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”

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?

- Our next Family Connect is coming up on August 25. 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.