



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“SIN ENTERED THE WORLD” GENESIS 3

Ever since Adam and Eve sinned, all people have been sinners. Our sin separates us from God, but God still loves us. God promised a Rescuer would come from Eve's family. God sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue people from sin and bring them back to God.

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, where we learned that God created people in His own image and provides for everything He made. People are special because God made people to live forever in a relationship with Him. Through His Son, Jesus, we can have eternal life with God just as He planned. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Genesis 3, 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. Read through the narrative in Genesis 3 again
 - Why do you think Adam and Eve ate the fruit? What was going on in their hearts? If everything was perfect, what caused them to act in disobedience?

- What lie did they believe that lead them into sin? What about God’s character were they not believing? How do we know that God has what is best for us?
2. Our sin separates us from God
 - How did the sin of Adam and Eve affect the rest of the world? What effects does sin have in our lives and world today?
 - How does sin affect our relationship with God? How does it affect our relationships with one another?
 3. Sin is a big problem that needs a perfect solution. In this narrative we see the hope of God after sin enters
 - What does God’s response to their sin teach us about who He is? Is it fair for God to be upset with them? Is it fair for people to receive forgiveness for their mistakes?
 - How does Jesus ultimately conquer sin? How does the Good News triumph over any bad news that sin may bring?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Be bold and confess sin together as a family. Pray for God’s mercy, and praise God for Jesus - the atonement for our sin and
- 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
 - Continue to talk about the power of sin and the great power of Christ. Confess sin and revel in the grace of God together!
- 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 CREATED EVERYTHING”) IS COLOSSIANS 1:16B-17

- *For our older kids we are doing the full verse:*

- “All things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”
- *For our younger kids we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*
 - “All things were created through him and for him.”

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?

- 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.