



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

"NOAH AND THE ARK" GENESIS 6-9

God rescued Noah and his family from the flood. The story of Noah points ahead to a greater rescue. God's Son, Jesus—the only perfectly righteous One—came to take the punishment for our sin. By trusting in Him, we are saved from the punishment our sin deserves.

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 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. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Genesis 6-9, 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. God decided to send a flood to cleanse the earth because "Human wickedness was widespread on the earth ... every inclination of the human mind was nothing but evil all the time" (Gen. 6:5).

- What can we learn about the character of God and the inclination of human beings in this story? Was God wrong or evil to send the flood? Why or why not? How is the judgement of God another way that we can know that God is perfect? What can we learn about the weight of sin from this story?
 - How is the way God show judgement the same and how is different than how we should? How are we to engage in justice today?
2. Noah believed God's warning about the coming judgment. He obediently worked to build the ark. But the work took years, and Noah likely faced ridicule from his friends and neighbors.
- Why did Noah trust in God and listen to His warning? What about God makes him trustworthy? How was Noah's faith tested, and how do we see God's faithfulness to His people in how he treats Noah?
3. God's judgment came. Floodwaters covered the earth. Every living thing was destroyed, but Noah and his family were safe inside the ark. God rescued Noah's family
- How was the flood actually a sign of God's mercy to the world? In what other ways do we see God's mercy in Scripture? How did God uphold His covenants with both Abraham and with Noah? How is God loving and kind, and what do we have to do in order to receive His love and kindness? A great opportunity to have Gospel conversations as a family!

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray and thank God for being merciful, just, and loving. Pray that God would draw your family deeper into extending the mercy you have received to others. Pray for deeper gratitude and participation in the work of the Gospel through Christ!
- 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 conversations on mercy and justice. Participate in the restoring work of Christ in bringing reconciliation and justice in the world. Talk about God's perfect covenant (Jesus) and seek to live out of the freedom of grace.

- 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.