



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

September 30, 2018

What We're Learning This Week

“THE TOWER OF BABEL” GENESIS 11

People chose to give glory to themselves instead of God. They ignored God's plan, so God confused their language and scattered the people all over the earth. One day, Jesus will gather together all of God's people—people from every tribe and people who speak all kinds of languages—and they will worship Him together. (Revelation 7:9-10)

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 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. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Genesis 11, 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 commanded Adam and Eve to be fruitful, to multiply, and to fill the earth. He made the same command to Noah after the flood in Genesis 9:1. However, In Genesis 11 Scripture

indicates that instead of filling the earth as God commanded, the people devised a plan to settle in one place and build a city and a large tower into the sky.

- Why did people decide to disobey God in this way? Look into Genesis 11:4 together as a family and discuss.
 - What kept the people of that time from trusting that God would give them what was best for them? What do we know about God's character that pushes against this mindset? In what ways does our sinful, fallen state cause us to distrust the promises of God and to believe we can make a better way for ourselves than God can?
 - How do we know what our true identity is in Jesus? Why do we not need to earn this identity/make a name for ourselves because of God? How does this give God glory?
2. The people tried to build a monument with its top in the sky, but they succeeded only in separating themselves from God and from each other.
- Why did God confuse their language and scatter them across the earth?
 - What was wrong with the hearts of the people in building the tower? How can we see the effects of sin and brokenness in their efforts? How does it relate to Adam and Eve's decision to eat the fruit in Eden and believing our way is greater than God's ways?
3. Everything we read in Scripture ties into the story of God's Kingdom.
- How did God's introducing new languages and scattering people across the world actually help in bringing His Kingdom to earth? What does this tell us about the way God works?
 - God's plan is not for people to reach up to Him, but His plan to reach down to people by sending His Son, Jesus, to live the perfect life we couldn't live and die the death we don't want to die. Talk about the miracle of the Gospel and celebrate together as a family

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Pray for God to continue to show mercy to us, a sinful people. Thank Jesus for coming down to us so we don't have to work our way up to Him, and for giving us our identity and name! Pray for a dependence on God and trust in His promises
- 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
 - Talk about areas of your lives that you are trying to reach up to God/make a name for yourself and pray/talk together about how to surrender to God.
- 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.