



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

“GOD CREATED PEOPLE” GENESIS 1-2

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.

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 Jesus is Lord over all of creation. The Son has always existed. The Bible says everything was created by Him and for Him, and He holds everything together. All of creation exists to bring God glory.. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Genesis 1-2, 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. In Genesis 1:26 we read “Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness’”
 - What does it mean to be created in the image of God? What does it teach us about the character of God and who He is?

- How does being created in God's image affect how we view other people? What does it teach us about the dignity and value that God gives to each person? This can be an excellent time to dive into some more weighty topics like race, ethnicity, and/or poverty as a family, rooted in the truth of God's Word that we are all created in the image of God - and that God celebrates diversity but not division.
2. God created humans to bring Him glory and of us to know and love Him
- How did creating humans bring God glory? How can created things bring the Creator glory? How can you grow as a family in recognizing the glory of God in his creation of people in His image? How does this impact the church and our view of God and one another?
 - In Genesis 1:31 we read "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good"... how are human beings distinct from the rest of God's creation? Why does God proclaim things are "very good" after creating humans, rather than simply "good" as He said after all other creation?

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Praise God for creating you (and other human beings) in His image! Pray for hearts of gratitude and worship to grow as a family and individuals and pray to bring glory to Jesus Christ. Pray for God to give you His eyes in viewing other people as those created in the image of God.
- 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 more about how God's creation of humanity impacts our view of other humans, and challenge your family to identify people in your community God has made in His image and ways to care for them.
- 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.