



# RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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## What We're Learning This Week

### **“GOD’S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM” GENESIS 12, 15, 17**

God promised to bless all the world through Abraham. God sent Jesus from His home in heaven to be born on earth into Abraham’s family. Through Jesus, all the nations of the earth are blessed because Jesus saves people from their sins.

## 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 Job learned that God is all-powerful, sovereign, and good. When we face suffering, we can hope in God. God sent Jesus, the only truly innocent One, to suffer and die so that everyone who trusts in Him can have forgiveness and eternal life. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Genesis 12, 15, & 17, 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 chose Abram and God made incredible promises to him. He promised Abram a large family, land for this family, and the blessing of God.
    - Why did God choose Abram? Why do you think Abraham was willing to leave his home and obey God?

- Do you think it would be hard to obey God if He called you to do something you didn't completely understand? Why or why not? What in Scripture can we look to to understand the trustworthiness of God?
2. God made a covenant with Abram. A perfect God made an eternal promise with an imperfect person, and God Himself took on the full responsibility for upholding the covenant.
- What is a covenant? How was the covenant God made with Abram different than any other covenant to that point in history? Why did God act in the way that He did?
    - Talk about how a covenant always involved two equal members who both committed and were both responsible. In this covenant God alone was the one to make the covenant and the one responsible for upholding the promise. Amazing!
  - If someone told you that you would get everything and you have to do nothing, how would you feel? What does all this say about God's faithfulness to His people?
  - How does God ultimately keep fulfill his promise to bless humanity in Jesus? How does fulfill this covenant in the Gospel (the New Covenant)? How can we respond to God's faithfulness to us?

### **Discipleship through prayer**

- Take time to pray together as a family.
  - Praise God for His faithfulness and pray for God to grow your family in faithfulness in response. Pray for a trust in the plans God has and wisdom/discernment.
- 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 discuss covenant and review God's fulfillment of this covenant in 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 “GOD FORMED A NEW NATION”) IS GALATIANS 3:29**

- *For our older kids we are doing the full verse:*
  - “If you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.”
- *For our younger kids we are doing an abbreviated version of the verse:*
  - “If you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring.”

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](mailto: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.