



RLA Kids Weekly Devotional Guide

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What We're Learning This Week

"ABRAHAM AND ISAAC" GENESIS 22

Abraham showed his love for God by being willing to sacrifice his son Isaac. God provided a ram instead. This is how God showed His love for us: He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross so that we could have eternal life through Him.

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 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 sin. The guide from last week can be found [here](#).
- Read through Genesis 22, 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. Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son to obey God
 - How did Abraham show that he had faith in God? Why do you think God sometimes tests us or asks us to do hard things? What about God's character and the story of Scripture show us His trustworthiness?

- What are some things that are difficult to surrender to God? How can we trust God with them, and what would it look like to surrender or sacrifice to God?
 - God doesn't want to take things away from us to punish us or to remove joy from our lives. Talk about the tension between receiving good gifts from God (who delights in giving them to His children) and being willing to sacrifice everything we have for God
 - How can we find joy in sacrificing?
2. God rescued Isaac by sending the ram, but Jesus rescued all of mankind through His sacrifice
- What does God being a rescuer teach us about His character? How can we praise God for His mercy and kindness to us?
 - Why did Jesus need to be sacrificed? Why is it important the Jesus was fully God and fully man?
 - Jesus lived the perfect life that no other person ever could. He needed to be fully human to be the atonement for the sin of man

Discipleship through prayer

- Take time to pray together as a family.
 - Praise God for sending our rescuer, Jesus, to pay the penalty for sin that we deserve. Pray for opportunities to receive God's mercy and ask God to reveal areas of your heart/life that you have a difficult time surrendering.
- 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
 - Model sacrifice for your family and talk about the joy of sacrificing for Christ
- 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 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.